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WASHINGTON, November 1, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 27 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 5.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 43 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 770.9 billion ton-miles, 12.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 27 totaled 371,345, down 8.0 percent from last year, but 0.3 percent above the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.6 percent in the East, 2.2 percent in the South and 5.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Coal loadings were down 14,399 cars (13.1 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 20 totaled 57,429 cars, up 12.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 93,461 trailers and/or containers, 4.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 2,159,211 cars, 15.0 percent higher than last year, and 3,704,478 trailers and/or containers, up 13.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/27/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Oct. 27, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,039 | D | 6,223 | 20.6 | I | 1,220 | 5.1 |
| Other farm products | 4,745 | D | 880 | 15.6 | D | 19 | 0.4 |
| Metallic ores | 13,396 | D | 4,327 | 24.4 | D | 281 | 2.1 |
| Coal | 95,124 | D | 14,399 | 13.1 | I | 545 | 0.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,600 | I | 2,381 | 21.2 | D | 372 | 2.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,212 | D | 1,125 | 8.4 | I | 1,101 | 9.0 |
| Grain mill products | 10,582 | D | 851 | 7.4 | I | 38 | 0.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,283 | D | 939 | 7.7 | I | 107 | 0.9 |
| Primary forest products | 13,249 | D | 1,756 | 11.7 | I | 115 | 0.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,197 | D | 687 | 8.7 | D | 81 | 1.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,034 | I | 85 | 0.6 | I | 592 | 3.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,449 | D | 1,320 | 5.3 | D | 665 | 2.8 |
| Petroleum products | 4,563 | D | 182 | 3.8 | D | 84 | 1.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,875 | D | 857 | 7.3 | D | 246 | 2.3 |
| Coke | 4,963 | D | 217 | 4.2 | I | 59 | 1.2 |
| Metals and products | 7,903 | D | 1,490 | 15.9 | D | 101 | 1.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,642 | D | 621 | 3.1 | D | 498 | 2.5 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,909 | D | 174 | 1.9 | D | 578 | 6.5 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,960 | D | 1,008 | 11.2 | I | 238 | 3.0 |
| All other carloads | 62,425 | I | 2,258 | 3.8 | D | 23 | 0.0 |
| LCL traffic | 195 | D | 67 | 25.6 | D | 44 | 22.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 371,345 | D | 32,399 | 8.0 | I | 1,023 | 0.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 403,744 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks) | 17,026,938 | 15,604,896 | I 9.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 42 weeks ended October 20 | 753.9 | 667.1 | I 13.0 |
| Week ended October 27, | 17.0 | 18.0 | D 5.8 |
| 43 weeks cumulative | 770.9 | 685.2 | I 12.5 |

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WASHINGTON, November 8, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 3 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 2.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 44 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 788.6 billion ton-miles, 12.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 3 totaled 387,289, down 4.7 percent from last year, but 4.3 percent above the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.9 percent in the East, 0.1 percent in the South and 1.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 12 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Of the commodities showing gains, crushed stone, gravel and sand had the largest increase -- 2,179 cars (19.4 percent). Seventeen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 27 totaled 57,122 cars, up 10.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 94,077 trailers and/or containers, 2.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 2,216,484 cars, 14.9 percent higher than last year, and 3,797,669 trailers and/or containers, up 13.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/03/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Nov. 3, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 29,482 | D | 4,147 | 12.3 | I | 5,443 | 18.5 |
| Other farm products | 5,785 | I | 249 | 4.5 | I | 1,040 | 18.0 |
| Metallic ores | 14,554 | D | 4,225 | 22.5 | I | 1,158 | 8.0 |
| Coal | 99,399 | D | 13,958 | 12.3 | I | 4,275 | 4.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,399 | I | 2,179 | 19.4 | D | 201 | 1.5 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,399 | I | 787 | 6.8 | I | 187 | 1.5 |
| Grain mill products | 10,730 | D | 226 | 2.1 | I | 148 | 1.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,712 | D | 406 | 3.4 | I | 429 | 3.7 |
| Primary forest products | 13,537 | D | 1,894 | 12.3 | I | 288 | 2.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,364 | I | 76 | 1.0 | I | 167 | 2.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,232 | I | 210 | 1.4 | I | 198 | 1.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,613 | D | 918 | 3.7 | I | 164 | 0.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,518 | D | 382 | 7.8 | D | 45 | 1.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,108 | D | 519 | 4.5 | I | 233 | 2.1 |
| Coke | 5,392 | I | 187 | 3.6 | I | 429 | 8.0 |
| Metals and products | 8,792 | I | 89 | 1.0 | I | 889 | 10.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,467 | I | 991 | 5.1 | I | 825 | 4.0 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,761 | D | 293 | 3.2 | D | 148 | 1.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,993 | D | 927 | 10.4 | I | 33 | 0.4 |
| All other carloads | 62,859 | I | 4,326 | 7.4 | I | 434 | 0.7 |
| LCL traffic | 193 | D | 107 | 35.7 | D | 2 | 1.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 387,289 | D | 18,908 | 4.7 | I | 15,944 | 4.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 406,197 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks) | 17,414,227 | 16,011,093 | I 8.8 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 43 weeks ended October 27 | 770.9 | 685.2 | I 12.5 |
| Week ended November 3 | 17.8 | 18.1 | D 2.1 |
| 44 weeks cumulative | 788.6 | 703.3 | I 12.1 |

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WASHINGTON, November 15, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 10 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.6 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 45 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 806.5 billion ton-miles, 11.9 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 10 totaled 389,339, down 0.5 percent from last year, but 0.6 percent above the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.4 percent in the South and 4.8 percent in the West, but down 11.1 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 14 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 2,141 cars (19.1 percent) and other farm products increased by 1,737 cars (34.5 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 3 totaled 58,654 cars, up 14.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 96,362 trailers and/or containers, 5.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 2,275,138 cars, 14.9 percent higher than last year, and 3,894,031 trailers and/or containers, up 13.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/10/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended November 10, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 27,416 | D | 2,346 | 7.9 | D | 2,066 | 7.5 |
| Other farm products | 6,770 | I | 1,737 | 34.5 | I | 985 | 14.5 |
| Metallic ores | 16,867 | D | 1,244 | 6.9 | I | 2,329 | 13.8 |
| Coal | 105,124 | D | 4,260 | 3.9 | I | 5,725 | 5.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,347 | I | 2,141 | 19.1 | D | 52 | 0.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,989 | D | 256 | 2.3 | D | 1,410 | 12.8 |
| Grain mill products | 10,657 | I | 282 | 2.7 | D | 53 | 0.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,210 | D | 162 | 1.4 | D | 501 | 4.5 |
| Primary forest products | 13,502 | D | 1,532 | 10.2 | D | 19 | 0.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,813 | D | 355 | 5.0 | D | 551 | 8.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,543 | D | 194 | 1.3 | D | 609 | 4.2 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,177 | D | 302 | 1.2 | I | 571 | 2.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,925 | I | 240 | 5.1 | I | 407 | 8.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,223 | D | 6 | 0.1 | I | 172 | 1.5 |
| Coke | 5,077 | I | 12 | 0.2 | D | 315 | 6.2 |
| Metals and products | 8,124 | D | 205 | 2.5 | D | 666 | 8.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,587 | I | 1,847 | 9.4 | I | 1,120 | 5.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,430 | D | 929 | 9.9 | D | 314 | 3.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,827 | D | 979 | 11.1 | D | 166 | 2.1 |
| All other carloads | 60,586 | I | 4,563 | 8.1 | D | 2,272 | 3.8 |
| LCL traffic | 145 | D | 116 | 44.4 | D | 48 | 33.1 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 389,339 | D | 2,064 | 0.5 | I | 2,267 | 0.6 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 391,403 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks) | 17,806,843 | 16,402,496 | I 8.6 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 44 weeks ended November 3 | 788.6 | 703.3 | I 12.1 |
| Week ended November 10 | 17.9 | 17.4 | I 2.6 |
| 45 weeks cumulative | 806.5 | 720.7 | I 11.9 |

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WASHINGTON, November 26, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 17 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 46 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 821.6 billion ton-miles, 11.3 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 17 totaled 377,807, down 4.6 percent from last year, and 3.0 percent below the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.0 percent in the West, down 14.4 percent in the East, and down 2.8 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 14 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,679 cars (15.3 percent) and other farm products increased by 1,480 cars (36.8 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 10 totaled 57,247 cars, up 17.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 93,776 trailers and/or containers, 8.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 2,332,385 cars, 14.9 percent higher than last year, and 3,987,807 trailers and/or containers, up 13.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/17/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Nov. 17, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 31,076 | D | 184 | 0.6 | I | 3,660 | 13.3 |
| Other farm products | 5,502 | I | 1,480 | 36.8 | D | 1,268 | 23.0 |
| Metallic ores | 14,239 | D | 2,344 | 14.1 | D | 2,628 | 18.5 |
| Coal | 99,507 | D | 14,382 | 12.6 | D | 5,617 | 5.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 12,653 | I | 1,679 | 15.3 | D | 694 | 5.5 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,692 | D | 513 | 4.6 | D | 297 | 2.8 |
| Grain mill products | 10,161 | D | 364 | 3.5 | D | 496 | 4.9 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,686 | D | 853 | 7.4 | D | 524 | 4.9 |
| Primary forest products | 13,539 | D | 1,600 | 10.6 | I | 37 | 0.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,160 | I | 11 | 0.2 | I | 347 | 4.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,111 | D | 722 | 4.9 | D | 432 | 3.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,257 | D | 700 | 2.9 | D | 920 | 4.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,876 | I | 9 | 0.2 | D | 49 | 1.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,629 | I | 149 | 1.4 | D | 594 | 5.6 |
| Coke | 4,812 | D | 607 | 11.2 | D | 265 | 5.5 |
| Metals and products | 7,561 | D | 1,339 | 15.0 | D | 563 | 7.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,255 | I | 1,105 | 5.5 | D | 332 | 1.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,973 | D | 654 | 6.8 | I | 543 | 6.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,524 | D | 1,092 | 12.7 | D | 303 | 4.0 |
| All other carloads | 59,416 | I | 2,792 | 4.9 | D | 1,170 | 2.0 |
| LCL traffic | 178 | D | 89 | 33.3 | I | 33 | 18.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 377,807 | D | 18,218 | 4.6 | D | 11,532 | 3.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 396,025 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks) | 18,182,526 | 16,798,521 | I 8.2 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 45 weeks ended November 10 | (rev) 804.4 | 720.7 | (rev) I 11.6 |
| Week ended November 17 | 17.2 | 17.6 | D 2.3 |
| 46 weeks cumulative | 821.6 | 738.3 | I 11.3 |

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WASHINGTON, November 29, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 24 totaled an estimated 13.9 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 47 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 835.5 billion ton-miles, 11.1 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 24 totaled 300,185, down 0.7 percent from last year, and 20.5 percent below the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.7 percent in the West, down 11.3 percent in the East, and down 4.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 14 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, loadings of grain were up by 1,308 cars (5.6 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,291 cars (9.1 percent). All of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 17 totaled 54,967 cars, up 11.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 89,656 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 2,387,270 cars, 14.8 percent higher than last year, and 4,077,364 trailers and/or containers, up 12.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/24/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Nov. 24, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,724 | I | 1,308 | 5.6 | D | 6,352 | 25.7 |
| Other farm products | 4,132 | I | 394 | 10.5 | D | 1,370 | 33.2 |
| Metallic ores | 11,883 | D | 1,158 | 8.9 | D | 2,356 | 19.8 |
| Coal | 83,975 | I | 7 | 0.0 | D | 15,532 | 18.5 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 8,266 | I | 838 | 11.3 | D | 4,387 | 53.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 7,041 | D | 1,278 | 15.4 | D | 3,651 | 51.9 |
| Grain mill products | 8,506 | D | 67 | 0.8 | D | 1,655 | 19.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 8,563 | D | 352 | 3.9 | D | 2,123 | 24.8 |
| Primary forest products | 9,226 | D | 1,324 | 12.5 | D | 4,313 | 46.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 5,122 | D | 52 | 1.0 | D | 2,038 | 39.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,407 | D | 192 | 1.4 | D | 704 | 5.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 19,603 | D | 447 | 2.2 | D | 3,654 | 18.6 |
| Petroleum products | 3,706 | I | 109 | 3.0 | D | 1,170 | 31.6 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 8,010 | D | 528 | 6.2 | D | 2,619 | 32.7 |
| Coke | 3,870 | D | 616 | 13.7 | D | 942 | 24.3 |
| Metals and products | 5,917 | D | 1,607 | 21.4 | D | 1,644 | 27.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 15,424 | I | 1,291 | 9.1 | D | 5,831 | 37.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 6,322 | D | 312 | 4.7 | D | 2,651 | 41.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 5,488 | D | 899 | 14.1 | D | 2,036 | 37.1 |
| All other carloads | 46,865 | I | 2,939 | 6.7 | D | 12,551 | 26.8 |
| LCL traffic | 135 | D | 41 | 23.3 | D | 43 | 31.9 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 300,185 | D | 1,987 | 0.7 | D | 77,622 | 20.5 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 302,172 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks) | 18,481,863 | 17,100,693 | I 8.1 |

| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 weeks ended November 17 | 821.6 | 738.3 | I 11.3 |
| Week ended November 24 | 13.9 | 13.5 | I 3.0 |
| 47 weeks cumulative | 835.5 | 751.8 | I 11.1 |

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WASHINGTON, December 6, 1984 -- Railroad piggyback traffic has set two records for the third straight year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The AAR said the number of trailers and/or containers carried through 47 weeks of 1984 was 4,144,846, topping the 52-week record of 4,078,454 set last year. So far this year, loadings of trailers and/or containers are running 12.6 percent ahead of last year's pace.

At the same time, the AAR noted that cumulative piggyback carloadings topped last year's record a week ago. The record set in all of 1983 was 2,388,527 and so far this year 2,430,193 piggyback cars have been loaded, 14.8 percent ahead of 1983.

Piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 24 totaled 42,935 cars, up 11.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 67,517 trailers and/or containers, 4.0 percent higher than last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that overall freight traffic on U.S. railroads during the week ended December 1 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 3.5 percent above the corresponding week a year ago.

Carloadings in the week ended December 1 totaled 388,522, up 1.4 percent from last year, and 29.4 percent above the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.1 percent in the South and 6.8 percent in the West, but down 8.1 percent in the East.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/01/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Dec. 1, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 30,235 | I | 4,378 | 16.9 | I | 5,511 | 18.2 |
| Other farm products | 5,526 | I | 1,014 | 22.5 | I | 1,394 | 25.2 |
| Metallic ores | 14,102 | D | 1,243 | 8.1 | I | 2,219 | 15.7 |
| Coal | 103,145 | D | 1,598 | 1.5 | I | 19,170 | 18.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,384 | I | 801 | 7.6 | I | 3,118 | 27.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 13,284 | I | 814 | 6.5 | I | 6,243 | 47.0 |
| Grain mill products | 10,647 | I | 186 | 1.8 | I | 2,141 | 20.1 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,801 | I | 150 | 1.3 | I | 3,238 | 27.4 |
| Primary forest products | 13,874 | D | 1,313 | 8.6 | I | 4,648 | 33.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,318 | I | 415 | 6.0 | I | 2,196 | 30.0 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 16,428 | I | 370 | 2.3 | I | 3,021 | 18.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,015 | D | 435 | 1.7 | I | 5,412 | 21.6 |
| Petroleum products | 5,162 | I | 288 | 5.9 | I | 1,456 | 28.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,008 | I | 191 | 1.8 | I | 2,998 | 27.2 |
| Coke | 5,032 | D | 1,395 | 21.7 | I | 1,162 | 23.1 |
| Metals and products | 8,382 | D | 1,187 | 12.4 | I | 2,465 | 29.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,318 | I | 2,509 | 12.7 | I | 6,894 | 30.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,896 | I | 145 | 1.7 | I | 2,574 | 28.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,658 | D | 919 | 10.7 | I | 2,170 | 28.3 |
| All other carloads | 57,123 | I | 2,414 | 4.4 | I | 10,258 | 18.0 |
| LCL traffic | 184 | D | 55 | 23.0 | I | 49 | 26.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 388,522 | I | 5,530 | 1.4 | I | 88,337 | 29.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 382,992 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks) | 18,870,385 | 17,483,685 | I 7.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 47 weeks ended November 24 | 835.5 | 751.8 | I 11.1 |
| Week ended December 1 | 17.6 | 17.0 | I 3.5 |
| 48 weeks cumulative | 853.1 | 768.8 | I 11.0 |

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WASHINGTON, December 13, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 8 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 49 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 870.2 billion ton-miles, 10.7 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 8 totaled 379,297, down 3.7 percent from last year, and 2.4 percent below the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.6 percent in the East, 1.2 percent in the South, and 0.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 16 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment showed a gain of 2,028 cars (9.7 percent). Seventeen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 1 totaled 55,143 cars, up 12.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 90,931 trailers and/or containers, 4.1 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 2,485,050 cars, 14.7 percent higher than last year, and 4,235,777 trailers and/or containers, up 12.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/08/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Dec. 8, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 28,861 | D | 2,419 | 7.7 | D | 1,374 | 4.8 |
| Other farm products | 4,840 | I | 351 | 7.8 | D | 686 | 14.2 |
| Metallic ores | 12,761 | D | 1,525 | 10.7 | D | 1,341 | 10.5 |
| Coal | 106,580 | D | 4,759 | 4.3 | I | 3,435 | 3.2 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,288 | I | 96 | 0.9 | D | 1,096 | 10.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,432 | D | 1,203 | 10.3 | D | 2,852 | 27.3 |
| Grain mill products | 10,901 | D | 623 | 5.4 | I | 254 | 2.3 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,377 | D | 478 | 4.0 | D | 424 | 3.7 |
| Primary forest products | 12,559 | D | 2,036 | 13.9 | D | 1,315 | 10.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,974 | I | 4 | 0.1 | D | 344 | 4.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,898 | D | 414 | 2.7 | D | 1,530 | 10.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,394 | D | 73 | 0.3 | D | 1,621 | 6.9 |
| Petroleum products | 4,878 | D | 13 | 0.3 | D | 284 | 5.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,035 | D | 367 | 3.5 | D | 973 | 9.7 |
| Coke | 4,092 | D | 1,547 | 27.4 | D | 940 | 23.0 |
| Metals and products | 7,482 | D | 1,494 | 16.6 | D | 900 | 12.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,844 | I | 2,028 | 9.7 | I | 526 | 2.3 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,290 | D | 1,204 | 12.7 | D | 606 | 7.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,458 | D | 1,400 | 15.8 | D | 200 | 2.7 |
| All other carloads | 60,180 | I | 2,611 | 4.5 | I | 3,057 | 5.1 |
| LCL traffic | 173 | D | 93 | 35.0 | D | 11 | 6.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 379,297 | D | 14,558 | 3.7 | D | 9,225 | 2.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 393,855 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks) | 19,249,682 | 17,877,540 | I 7.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 48 weeks ended December 1 | 853.1 | 768.8 | I 11.0 |
| Week ended December 8 | 17.1 | 17.5 | D 2.4 |
| 49 weeks cumulative | 870.2 | 786.3 | I 10.7 |

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WASHINGTON, December 20, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 15 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 1.9 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 50 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 887.6 billion ton-miles, 10.5 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 15 totaled 387,282, up 0.5 percent from last year, and 2.1 percent over the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.4 percent in the South and 1.0 percent in the West, but down 5.3 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 14 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings were up by 4,521 cars (4.2 percent) and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment showed a gain of 2,094 cars (9.7 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 8 totaled 56,446 cars, up 11.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 91,695 trailers and/or containers, 1.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 2,541,496 cars, 14.6 percent higher than last year, and 4,327,472 trailers and/or containers, up 12.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/15/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Dec. 15, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 27,741 | D | 1,849 | 6.2 | D | 1,120 | 4.0 |
| Other farm products | 4,677 | I | 473 | 11.3 | D | 106 | 2.3 |
| Metallic ores | 11,805 | D | 2,052 | 14.8 | D | 956 | 8.1 |
| Coal | 113,436 | I | 4,521 | 4.2 | I | 6,856 | 6.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,527 | I | 1,399 | 15.3 | I | 239 | 2.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,156 | D | 994 | 8.9 | D | 276 | 2.7 |
| Grain mill products | 10,633 | D | 244 | 2.2 | D | 268 | 2.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,025 | D | 491 | 4.3 | D | 352 | 3.2 |
| Primary forest products | 14,089 | D | 425 | 2.9 | I | 1,530 | 10.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,806 | D | 192 | 2.7 | D | 168 | 2.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,851 | D | 293 | 1.9 | D | 47 | 0.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,673 | I | 149 | 0.6 | I | 279 | 1.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,957 | I | 167 | 3.5 | I | 79 | 1.6 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,700 | D | 61 | 0.6 | D | 335 | 3.5 |
| Coke | 4,579 | D | 668 | 12.7 | I | 487 | 10.6 |
| Metals and products | 7,533 | D | 1,031 | 12.0 | I | 51 | 0.7 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 23,702 | I | 2,094 | 9.7 | I | 858 | 3.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,898 | D | 291 | 3.2 | I | 608 | 6.8 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,495 | D | 1,357 | 15.3 | I | 37 | 0.5 |
| All other carloads | 60,818 | I | 3,131 | 5.4 | I | 638 | 1.0 |
| LCL traffic | 181 | D | 57 | 23.9 | I | 8 | 4.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 387,282 | I | 1,929 | 0.5 | I | 8,042 | 2.1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 385,353 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks) | 19,636,907 | 18,261,030 | I 7.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 49 weeks ended December 8 | 870.2 | 786.3 | I 10.7 |
| Week ended December 15 | 17.4 | 17.1 | I 1.9 |
| 50 weeks cumulative | 887.6 | 803.4 | I 10.5 |

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WASHINGTON, January 2, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 22 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 23.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1983, which included Christmas Eve, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 51 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 904.7 billion ton-miles, 10.7 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 22 totaled 378,225, up 17.7 percent from last year, but 2.3 percent below the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.3 percent in the East, 13.3 percent in the South, and 33.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 15 of the 21 commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 29,244 cars (35.1 percent) and loadings of grain showed a gain of 5,788 cars (25.8 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 15 totaled 57,441 cars, up 10.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 93,576 trailers and/or containers, 1.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of the year was 2,598,937 cars, 14.5 percent higher than last year, and 4,421,048 trailers and/or containers, up 11.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/22/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Dec. 22, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 28,184 | I | 5,788 | 25.8 | I | 441 | 1.6 |
| Other farm products | 4,159 | I | 593 | 16.6 | D | 521 | 12.5 |
| Metallic ores | 11,203 | D | 528 | 4.5 | D | 586 | 5.2 |
| Coal | 112,650 | I | 29,244 | 35.1 | D | 787 | 0.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 9,111 | I | 2,247 | 32.7 | D | 1,416 | 15.5 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,346 | D | 8 | 0.1 | I | 190 | 1.8 |
| Grain mill products | 10,539 | I | 143 | 1.4 | D | 87 | 0.8 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,941 | I | 1,104 | 11.2 | D | 82 | 0.7 |
| Primary forest products | 12,357 | I | 1,107 | 9.8 | D | 1,746 | 14.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,368 | I | 597 | 8.8 | I | 563 | 7.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,042 | I | 130 | 0.9 | I | 181 | 1.2 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,210 | I | 2,612 | 11.6 | I | 1,520 | 6.0 |
| Petroleum products | 5,052 | I | 511 | 11.3 | I | 107 | 2.1 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,216 | I | 1,749 | 23.4 | D | 480 | 5.2 |
| Coke | 4,510 | D | 258 | 5.4 | D | 69 | 1.5 |
| Metals and products | 7,446 | D | 802 | 9.7 | D | 90 | 1.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,570 | I | 3,390 | 21.0 | D | 4,138 | 21.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,882 | I | 230 | 3.0 | D | 1,024 | 13.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,757 | D | 631 | 8.5 | D | 738 | 10.9 |
| All other carloads | 60,509 | I | 9,746 | 19.2 | D | 312 | 0.5 |
| LCL traffic | 173 | D | 34 | 16.4 | D | 8 | 4.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 378,225 | I | 56,930 | 17.7 | D | 9,082 | 2.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 321,295 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks) | 20,015,157 | 18,582,096 | I 7.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 50 weeks ended December 15 | 887.6 | 803.4 | I 10.5 |
| Week ended December 22 | 17.1 | 13.9 | I 23.3 |
| 51 weeks cumulative | 904.7 | 817.3 | I 10.7 |

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## 1984 RAIL TRAFFIC INCREASES

WASHINGTON, January 8, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during 1984 totaled an estimated 916 billion ton-miles, the Association of American Railroads reported today. This total was 10.6 percent over 1983 and was the highest level since the record year of 1980, when the total was nearly 919 billion ton-miles.

The sharp increase was attributed to a stronger economy and to heavy coal loadings during the first nine months of 1984, when utilities were anticipating a possible strike in the coal-mining industry.

On a quarterly basis, ton-miles showed gains over 1983 of 17.8 percent in the first quarter, 15.3 percent in the second quarter, 11.0 percent in the third quarter and an estimated 0.2 percent in the fourth quarter. Ton-miles for the year increased in all regions: 10.1 percent in the East, 9.2 percent in the South and 11.1 percent in the West.

Carloadings for the year totaled 20,248,795, up 7.6 percent from 1983. The greater increase in ton-miles than in carloadings stemmed from a continuation of the trend toward the retirement of smaller cars -- with the resulting increases in average load per car -- and longer average hauls.

As shown in the attached table, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups increased over 1983. Coal loadings, which totaled 5,918,959

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(13.6 percent over the previous year), reached the highest level in 27 years.

Significant increases over 1983 were also reflected in 1984 loadings of the following commodities: motor vehicles and equipment, up 142,745 cars (16.5 percent); crushed stone, gravel and sand, up 84,715 cars (16.8 percent); chemicals and allied products, up 73,275 cars (6.1 percent); waste and scrap materials, up 63,112 cars (15.0 percent) and metals and products, up 42,009 cars (9.7 percent). Loadings of grain showed a gain of 38,227 cars (2.8 percent) over 1983.

Ton miles for the holiday week ended December 29 totaled 11.1 billion, 1.1 percent over the corresponding week of the previous year when Christmas fell on a Sunday. Carloadings were down 0.9 percent from 1983, and down 38.2 percent from the preceding non-holiday week of 1984.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 22 totaled an estimated 56,286 cars, up 24.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 90,538 trailers and/or containers, 13.3 percent higher than 1983.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of the year was 2,655,223 cars, 14.7 percent higher than 1983, and 4,511,586 trailers and/or containers, up 11.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/29/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended Dec. 29, 1984 | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 16,974 | D | 3,408 | 16.7 | D | 11,210 | 39.8 |
| Other farm products | 3,006 | D | 322 | 9.7 | D | 1,153 | 38.4 |
| Metallic ores | 8,037 | D | 1,259 | 13.5 | D | 3,086 | 38.4 |
| Coal | 65,957 | I | 9,639 | 17.1 | D | 46,693 | 70.8 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 5,830 | I | 1,517 | 35.2 | D | 3,281 | 56.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 8,589 | I | 202 | 2.4 | D | 1,757 | 20.5 |
| Grain mill products | 7,421 | D | 810 | 9.8 | D | 3,118 | 42.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 7,107 | D | 386 | 5.2 | D | 3,833 | 53.9 |
| Primary forest products | 6,773 | D | 400 | 5.6 | D | 5,584 | 82.4 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 4,216 | D | 253 | 5.7 | D | 3,152 | 74.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 9,258 | D | 1,045 | 10.1 | D | 5,784 | 62.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 19,800 | D | 304 | 1.5 | D | 5,431 | 27.4 |
| Petroleum products | 3,390 | D | 272 | 7.4 | D | 1,660 | 49.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 6,727 | I | 783 | 13.2 | D | 2,489 | 37.0 |
| Coke | 3,536 | D | 658 | 15.7 | D | 1,025 | 29.0 |
| Metals and products | 4,956 | D | 2,693 | 35.2 | D | 2,479 | 50.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 7,676 | I | 44 | 0.6 | D | 11,893 | 154.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 4,450 | D | 433 | 8.9 | D | 3,445 | 77.4 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 4,456 | D | 1,351 | 23.3 | D | 2,301 | 51.6 |
| All other carloads | 35,399 | D | 638 | 1.8 | D | 25,109 | 70.9 |
| LCL traffic | 91 | D | 66 | 42.0 | D | 82 | 90.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 233,649 | D | 2,113 | 0.9 | D | 144,565 | 38.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 235,762 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks) | 20,248,795 | 18,814,584 | I 7.6 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 51 weeks ended December 22 | 904.7 | 817.3 | I 10.7 |
| Week ended December 29 | 11.1 | 11.0 | I 1.1 |
| 52 weeks cumulative | 915.9 | 828.3 | I 10.6 |

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1984 and 1983:

| | 1984 | 1983 | | Incr/Decr. 1984 vs. 1983 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | Cars | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 1,417,328 | 1,379,101 | I | 38,227 | 2.8 |
| Other farm products | 208,974 | 207,337 | I | 1,637 | 0.8 |
| Metallic ores | 850,345 | 822,544 | I | 27,801 | 3.4 |
| Coal | 5,918,959 | 5,210,272 | I | 708,687 | 13.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 587,610 | 502,895 | I | 84,715 | 16.8 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 608,499 | 585,534 | I | 22,965 | 3.9 |
| Grain mill products | 547,597 | 591,937 | D | 44,340 | 7.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 560,367 | 610,318 | D | 49,951 | 8.2 |
| Primary forest products | 697,496 | 738,104 | D | 40,608 | 5.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 373,131 | 366,475 | I | 6,656 | 1.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 762,936 | 777,283 | D | 14,347 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 1,272,349 | 1,199,074 | I | 73,275 | 6.1 |
| Petroleum products | 247,735 | 239,175 | I | 8,560 | 3.6 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 560,438 | 530,958 | I | 29,480 | 5.6 |
| Coke | 264,664 | 261,441 | I | 3,223 | 1.2 |
| Metals and products | 475,393 | 433,384 | I | 42,009 | 9.7 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 1,009,992 | 867,247 | I | 142,745 | 16.5 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 483,352 | 420,240 | I | 63,112 | 15.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 386,136 | 433,205 | D | 47,069 | 10.9 |
| All other carloads | 3,004,519 | 2,625,317 | I | 379,202 | 14.4 |
| LCL traffic | 10,975 | 12,743 | D | 1,768 | 13.9 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 20,248,795 | 18,814,584 | I | 1,434,211 | 7.6 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| First quarter | 231.1 | 196.1 | I | 17.8 |
| Second quarter | 235.0 | 203.9 | I | 15.3 |
| Third quarter | 234.0 | 210.8 | I | 11.0 |
| Fourth quarter | 215.7 | 215.3 | I | 0.2 |
| Year | 915.9 | 828.3 | I | 10.6 |

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WASHINGTON, January 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 5 totaled an estimated 12.1 billion ton-miles, 14.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Carloadings in the week ended January 5 totaled 262,255, down 13.4 percent from last year, and 12.2 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 19.7 percent in the East, 6.0 percent in the South, and 14.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 20 of 21 commodity groups decreased. Eighteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week, with coal showing a gain of 11,710 cars (15.1 percent).

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 29 totaled 35,449 cars, up 6.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 57,506 trailers and/or containers, 2.5 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the 52 weeks of the year was a record 2,690,659 cars, 14.6 percent higher than last year, and 4,569,094 trailers and/or containers -- also a new high -- up 11.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/05/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Jan. 05, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 17,999 | D | 10,723 | 37.3 | I | 1,025 | 5.7 |
| Other farm products | 3,435 | D | 765 | 18.2 | I | 429 | 12.5 |
| Metallic ores | 8,139 | D | 1,272 | 13.5 | I | 102 | 1.3 |
| Coal | 77,667 | D | 4,658 | 5.7 | I | 11,710 | 15.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 6,868 | I | 663 | 10.7 | I | 1,038 | 15.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,175 | D | 120 | 1.3 | I | 586 | 6.4 |
| Grain mill products | 8,233 | D | 1,830 | 18.2 | I | 812 | 9.9 |
| Food and kindred products | 7,807 | D | 1,353 | 14.8 | I | 700 | 9.0 |
| Primary forest products | 9,421 | D | 2,447 | 20.6 | I | 2,648 | 28.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 4,039 | D | 1,128 | 21.8 | D | 177 | 4.2 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,451 | D | 257 | 2.0 | I | 3,193 | 25.6 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 19,622 | D | 1,403 | 6.7 | D | 178 | 0.9 |
| Petroleum products | 3,559 | D | 507 | 12.5 | I | 169 | 4.7 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 7,299 | D | 570 | 7.2 | I | 572 | 7.8 |
| Coke | 4,073 | D | 356 | 8.0 | I | 537 | 13.2 |
| Metals and products | 6,150 | D | 1,098 | 15.1 | I | 1,194 | 19.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 10,544 | D | 3,135 | 22.9 | I | 2,868 | 27.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 5,174 | D | 1,522 | 22.7 | I | 724 | 14.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 4,148 | D | 2,297 | 35.6 | D | 308 | 6.9 |
| All other carloads | 36,315 | D | 5,913 | 14.0 | I | 916 | 2.5 |
| LCL traffic | 137 | D | 36 | 20.8 | I | 46 | 33.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 262,255 | D | 40,727 | 13.4 | I | 28,606 | 12.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 302,982 | | | | | | |

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Week ended January 5 | 12.1 | 14.1 | D 14.1 |

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WASHINGTON, January 17, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 12 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1985 was an estimated 29.2 billion ton-miles, down 8.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 12 totaled 368,834, down 3.6 percent from last year, and 40.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.2 percent in the East, 0.9 percent in the South, and 4.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. All 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 5 totaled 33,791 cars, down 9.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 54,623 trailers and/or containers, 17.6 percent below last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/12/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Jan. 12, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 28,404 | D | 4,834 | 14.5 | I | 10,405 | 57.8 |
| Other farm products | 5,020 | D | 297 | 5.6 | I | 1,585 | 46.1 |
| Metallic ores | 9,063 | D | 2,661 | 22.7 | I | 924 | 11.4 |
| Coal | 107,298 | D | 660 | 0.6 | I | 29,631 | 38.2 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 9,816 | I | 2,025 | 26.0 | I | 2,948 | 42.9 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,723 | D | 1,641 | 14.4 | I | 548 | 6.0 |
| Grain mill products | 10,785 | D | 1,297 | 10.7 | I | 2,552 | 31.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,211 | D | 639 | 5.4 | I | 3,404 | 43.6 |
| Primary forest products | 14,002 | I | 264 | 1.9 | I | 4,622 | 49.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,801 | D | 216 | 3.1 | I | 2,761 | 68.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,718 | D | 35 | 0.2 | I | 2,006 | 15.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,002 | D | 196 | 0.8 | I | 5,351 | 27.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,484 | D | 739 | 14.1 | I | 885 | 24.6 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,646 | D | 69 | 0.7 | I | 2,344 | 32.1 |
| Coke | 4,590 | D | 160 | 3.4 | I | 517 | 12.7 |
| Metals and products | 8,196 | D | 965 | 10.5 | I | 2,046 | 33.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,175 | I | 1,055 | 5.2 | I | 10,631 | 100.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,864 | D | 970 | 9.9 | I | 3,683 | 71.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,039 | D | 2,042 | 25.3 | I | 1,891 | 45.6 |
| All other carloads | 53,851 | I | 308 | 0.6 | I | 17,532 | 48.3 |
| LCL traffic | 146 | D | 102 | 41.1 | I | 9 | 6.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 368,834 | D | 13,871 | 3.6 | I | 106,275 | 40.5 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 382,705 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks) | 631,393 | 685,687 | D 7.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| Week ended January 5 | 12.1 | 14.1 | D 14.1 |
| Week ended January 12 | 17.1 | 17.6 | D 3.2 |
| 2 weeks cumulative | 29.2 | 31.7 | D 8.0 |

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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 19 totaled an estimated 16.9 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1985 was an estimated 46.0 billion ton-miles, down 5.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 19 totaled 364,358, down 0.8 percent from last year, and 1.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.8 percent in the East, 1.5 percent in the South, and up 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. But, coal loadings were up 6,231 cars (6.4 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose 1,834 cars (8.8 percent). Thirteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 12 totaled 49,842 cars, up 4.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 78,944 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of the year was 83,633 cars, down 2.0 percent from last year, and 137,047 trailers and/or containers, down 9.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/19/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Jan. 19, 1985 | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 26,970 | D | 3,846 | 12.5 | D | 1,459 | 5.1 |
| Other farm products | 5,087 | I | 570 | 12.6 | I | 64 | 1.3 |
| Metallic ores | 9,456 | D | 3,762 | 28.5 | I | 393 | 4.3 |
| Coal | 103,737 | I | 6,231 | 6.4 | D | 3,563 | 3.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 8,705 | I | 1,254 | 16.8 | D | 1,123 | 11.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,103 | D | 2,945 | 24.4 | D | 620 | 6.4 |
| Grain mill products | 10,847 | D | 1,386 | 11.3 | D | 20 | 0.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,895 | D | 139 | 1.3 | D | 343 | 3.1 |
| Primary forest products | 13,105 | I | 306 | 2.4 | D | 933 | 6.6 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,853 | D | 137 | 2.0 | I | 53 | 0.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,688 | I | 100 | 0.7 | I | 7 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,900 | I | 405 | 1.7 | D | 98 | 0.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,811 | D | 197 | 3.9 | I | 324 | 7.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,278 | I | 787 | 9.3 | D | 368 | 3.8 |
| Coke | 5,048 | I | 508 | 11.2 | I | 470 | 10.3 |
| Metals and products | 7,722 | D | 1,426 | 15.6 | D | 484 | 5.9 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,736 | I | 1,834 | 8.8 | D | 376 | 1.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,899 | D | 1,082 | 10.8 | D | 46 | 0.5 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,399 | D | 1,795 | 21.9 | I | 360 | 6.0 |
| All other carloads | 54,987 | I | 1,824 | 3.4 | I | 919 | 1.7 |
| LCL traffic | 132 | D | 147 | 52.7 | D | 12 | 8.3 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 364,358 | D | 3,043 | 0.8 | D | 6,855 | 1.8 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 367,401 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (3 weeks) | 998,130 | 1,053,088 | D 5.2 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Week ended January 12 | 29.2 | 31.7 | D 8.0 |
| Week ended January 19 | 16.9 | 16.7 | I 0.8 |
| 3 weeks cumulative | 46.0 | 48.5 | D 5.0 |

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WASHINGTON, January 31, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 26 totaled an estimated 15.6 billion ton-miles, 12.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1985 week was affected by adverse weather conditions in various parts of the country.

Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1985 was an estimated 61.6 billion ton-miles, down 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 26 totaled 327,819, down 15.2 percent from last year, and 10.0 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.0 percent in the East, 17.3 percent in the South, and 9.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, all of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Eighteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 19 totaled 51,119 cars, up 8.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 81,277 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of the year was 134,752 cars, up 1.7 percent from last year, and 218,324 trailers and/or containers, down 6.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/26/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Jan. 26, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,113 | D | 7,376 | 23.4 | D | 2,858 | 10.6 |
| Other farm products | 4,275 | D | 1,054 | 19.8 | D | 804 | 15.8 |
| Metallic ores | 10,267 | D | 2,428 | 19.1 | I | 805 | 8.5 |
| Coal | 85,100 | D | 22,893 | 21.2 | D | 18,637 | 18.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 7,161 | D | 788 | 9.9 | D | 1,544 | 17.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 8,999 | D | 2,621 | 22.6 | D | 111 | 1.2 |
| Grain mill products | 10,422 | D | 1,922 | 15.6 | D | 451 | 4.1 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,744 | D | 353 | 3.2 | D | 150 | 1.4 |
| Primary forest products | 11,120 | D | 1,752 | 13.6 | D | 1,979 | 15.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,903 | D | 616 | 8.2 | I | 40 | 0.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,759 | D | 1,501 | 9.8 | D | 921 | 6.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,038 | D | 1,649 | 6.4 | D | 883 | 3.5 |
| Petroleum products | 4,596 | D | 713 | 13.4 | D | 231 | 4.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 8,377 | D | 710 | 7.8 | D | 915 | 9.8 |
| Coke | 3,862 | D | 668 | 14.7 | D | 1,186 | 23.5 |
| Metals and products | 7,145 | D | 2,355 | 24.8 | D | 554 | 7.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,648 | D | 100 | 0.5 | D | 2,086 | 9.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,372 | D | 2,866 | 28.0 | D | 1,535 | 17.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,335 | D | 2,440 | 27.8 | D | 64 | 1.0 |
| All other carloads | 52,417 | D | 3,949 | 7.0 | D | 2,587 | 4.7 |
| LCL traffic | 166 | D | 152 | 47.8 | I | 34 | 25.8 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 327,819 | D | 58,906 | 15.2 | D | 36,617 | 10.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 386,725 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks) | 1,326,027 | 1,439,813 | D 7.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| Week ended January 19 | 46.0 | 48.5 | D 5.0 |
| Week ended January 26 | 15.6 | 17.9 | D 12.8 |
| 4 weeks cumulative | 61.6 | 66.3 | D 7.1 |

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WASHINGTON, February 7, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 2 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 7.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1985 was an estimated 78.4 billion ton-miles, down 7.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 2 totaled 363,943, down 8.4 percent from last year, but 11.0 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.7 percent in the East, 7.9 percent in the South, and 7.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 1,623 cars (7.9 percent). Twenty of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 26 totaled 50,048 cars, virtually no change from the corresponding week of 1984, and 80,439 trailers and/or containers, 8.5 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of the year was 184,800 cars, up 1.3 percent from last year, and 298,763 trailers and/or containers, down 7.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/2/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Feb. 2, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 25,722 | D | 6,663 | 20.6 | I | 1,609 | 6.7 |
| Other farm products | 3,765 | D | 1,211 | 24.3 | D | 510 | 11.9 |
| Metallic ores | 12,791 | I | 1,059 | 9.0 | I | 2,524 | 24.6 |
| Coal | 100,064 | D | 12,288 | 10.9 | I | 14,964 | 17.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 7,878 | D | 771 | 8.9 | I | 717 | 10.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,417 | D | 2,384 | 18.6 | I | 1,418 | 15.8 |
| Grain mill products | 11,113 | D | 887 | 7.4 | I | 691 | 6.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,145 | D | 308 | 2.7 | I | 401 | 3.7 |
| Primary forest products | 12,042 | D | 2,725 | 18.5 | I | 922 | 8.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,258 | D | 442 | 5.7 | I | 355 | 5.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,893 | D | 364 | 2.4 | I | 1,134 | 8.2 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,865 | D | 1,102 | 4.2 | I | 827 | 3.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,702 | D | 401 | 7.9 | I | 106 | 2.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 8,769 | D | 1,619 | 15.6 | I | 392 | 4.7 |
| Coke | 5,137 | I | 354 | 7.4 | I | 1,275 | 33.0 |
| Metals and products | 8,802 | D | 1,714 | 16.3 | I | 1,657 | 23.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,113 | I | 1,623 | 7.9 | I | 1,465 | 7.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,451 | D | 1,960 | 18.8 | I | 1,079 | 14.6 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,242 | D | 1,679 | 18.8 | I | 907 | 14.3 |
| All other carloads | 56,519 | I | 225 | 0.4 | I | 4,102 | 7.8 |
| LCL traffic | 255 | D | 57 | 18.3 | I | 89 | 53.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 363,943 | D | 33,314 | 8.4 | I | 36,124 | 11.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 397,257 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks) | 1,690,124 | 1,837,070 | D | 8.0 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 4 Weeks ended January 26 | 61.6 | 66.3 | D | 7.1 |
| Week ended February 2 | 16.8 | 18.2 | D | 7.8 |
| 5 weeks cumulative | 78.4 | 84.5 | D | 7.2 |

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WASHINGTON, February 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 9 totaled an estimated 16.5 billion ton-miles, 9.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1985 was an estimated 94.9 billion ton-miles, down 7.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 9 totaled 356,486, down 9.8 percent from last year, and 2.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.1 percent in the East, 6.5 percent in the South, and 8.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 923 cars (4.4 percent). Nineteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 2 totaled 53,441 cars, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 86,037 trailers and/or containers, 4.0 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 238,320 cars, up 2.3 percent from last year, and 385,044 trailers and/or containers, down 6.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/9/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Feb. 9, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 23,562 | D | 5,775 | 19.7 | D | 2,160 | 8.4 |
| Other farm products | 3,296 | D | 2,089 | 38.8 | D | 469 | 12.5 |
| Metallic ores | 13,629 | I | 115 | 0.9 | I | 838 | 6.6 |
| Coal | 100,710 | D | 12,113 | 10.7 | I | 645 | 0.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 7,720 | D | 719 | 8.5 | D | 158 | 2.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,224 | D | 1,993 | 16.3 | D | 193 | 1.9 |
| Grain mill products | 10,977 | D | 1,090 | 9.0 | D | 136 | 1.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,075 | I | 241 | 2.2 | D | 69 | 0.6 |
| Primary forest products | 11,139 | D | 2,949 | 20.9 | D | 941 | 7.8 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,372 | D | 1,308 | 17.0 | D | 884 | 12.2 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,375 | D | 859 | 5.6 | D | 527 | 3.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,300 | D | 1,932 | 7.4 | D | 561 | 2.3 |
| Petroleum products | 4,625 | D | 610 | 11.7 | D | 56 | 1.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 8,091 | D | 1,993 | 19.8 | D | 678 | 7.7 |
| Coke | 4,812 | D | 247 | 4.9 | D | 325 | 6.3 |
| Metals and products | 8,242 | D | 1,766 | 17.6 | D | 561 | 6.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,057 | I | 923 | 4.4 | D | 56 | 0.3 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,198 | D | 2,461 | 23.1 | D | 248 | 2.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,069 | D | 1,744 | 19.8 | D | 173 | 2.4 |
| All other carloads | 55,857 | D | 38 | 0.1 | D | 684 | 1.2 |
| LCL traffic | 156 | D | 124 | 44.3 | D | 99 | 38.8 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 356,486 | D | 38,531 | 9.8 | D | 7,495 | 2.1 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 395,017 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks) | 2,046,754 | 2,232,087 | D 8.3 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 5 Weeks ended February 2 | 78.4 | 84.5 | D 7.2 |
| Week ended February 9 | 16.5 | 18.2 | D 9.1 |
| 6 weeks cumulative | 94.9 | 102.7 | D 7.6 |

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WASHINGTON, February 21, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 16 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1985 was an estimated 111.7 billion ton-miles, down 7.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 16 totaled 356,547, down 10.7 percent from last year, and were virtually the same as the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 19.8 percent in the East, 11.6 percent in the South, and 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Fifteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 9 totaled 52,790 cars, up 5.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 84,494 trailers and/or containers, 4.4 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 291,110 cars, up 2.9 percent from last year, and 469,538 trailers and/or containers, down 6.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/16/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Feb. 16, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,275 | D | 5,500 | 18.5 | I | 713 | 3.0 |
| Other farm products | 3,643 | D | 1,100 | 23.2 | I | 347 | 10.5 |
| Metallic ores | 12,252 | D | 2,691 | 18.0 | D | 1,377 | 10.1 |
| Coal | 96,811 | D | 19,745 | 16.9 | D | 3,899 | 3.9 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 8,262 | D | 621 | 7.0 | I | 542 | 7.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,434 | I | 514 | 4.7 | I | 1,210 | 11.8 |
| Grain mill products | 11,303 | D | 566 | 4.8 | I | 326 | 3.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,182 | I | 33 | 0.3 | I | 107 | 1.0 |
| Primary forest products | 12,549 | D | 1,616 | 11.4 | I | 1,410 | 12.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,030 | D | 612 | 8.0 | I | 658 | 10.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,787 | I | 10 | 0.1 | I | 412 | 2.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,583 | D | 1,810 | 6.9 | I | 283 | 1.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,834 | D | 1 | 0.0 | I | 209 | 4.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 8,952 | D | 1,626 | 15.4 | I | 861 | 10.6 |
| Coke | 4,901 | I | 152 | 3.2 | I | 89 | 1.8 |
| Metals and products | 8,261 | D | 2,175 | 20.8 | I | 19 | 0.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,449 | D | 448 | 2.1 | D | 1,608 | 7.3 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,712 | D | 2,509 | 22.4 | I | 514 | 6.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,691 | D | 2,039 | 23.4 | D | 378 | 5.3 |
| All other carloads | 55,502 | D | 113 | 0.2 | D | 355 | 0.6 |
| LCL traffic | 134 | D | 152 | 53.1 | D | 22 | 14.1 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 356,547 | D | 42,615 | 10.7 | I | 61 | 0.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 399,162 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks) | 2,403,301 | 2,631,249 | D 8.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 6 Weeks ended February 9 | 94.9 | 102.7 | D 7.6 |
| Week ended February 16 | 16.8 | 18.3 | D 8.4 |
| 7 weeks cumulative | 111.7 | 121.0 | D 7.7 |

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WASHINGTON, February 28, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 23 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1985 was an estimated 129.5 billion ton-miles, down 6.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 23 totaled 384,222, down 2.1 percent from last year, but up 7.7 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 3.7 percent in the East, 3.2 percent in the South, and 0.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were up 3,938 cars (3.4 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,365 cars (6.5 percent). Ten of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 16 totaled 52,398 cars, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 85,157 trailers and/or containers, 2.9 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of the year was 343,508 cars, up 3.3 percent from last year, and 554,695 trailers and/or containers, down 5.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/23/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended Feb. 23, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 21,957 | D | 2,967 | 11.9 | D | 2,318 | 9.5 |
| Other farm products | 3,564 | D | 1,071 | 23.1 | D | 79 | 2.2 |
| Metallic ores | 11,948 | D | 3,249 | 21.4 | D | 304 | 2.5 |
| Coal | 121,431 | I | 3,938 | 3.4 | I | 24,621 | 25.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 9,887 | I | 513 | 5.5 | I | 1,625 | 19.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,155 | D | 585 | 5.4 | D | 1,279 | 11.2 |
| Grain mill products | 10,524 | D | 337 | 3.1 | D | 779 | 6.9 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,791 | I | 444 | 4.3 | D | 394 | 3.5 |
| Primary forest products | 13,544 | D | 1,072 | 7.3 | I | 987 | 7.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,969 | D | 1,058 | 13.2 | D | 57 | 0.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,685 | D | 513 | 3.4 | D | 166 | 1.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,725 | D | 302 | 1.2 | I | 101 | 0.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,449 | I | 133 | 3.1 | D | 353 | 7.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,076 | D | 705 | 6.5 | I | 1,124 | 12.6 |
| Coke | 4,682 | I | 57 | 1.2 | D | 19 | 0.4 |
| Metals and products | 9,007 | D | 1,786 | 16.5 | I | 747 | 9.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,421 | I | 1,365 | 6.5 | I | 1,972 | 9.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,313 | D | 1,456 | 13.5 | I | 593 | 6.8 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,652 | D | 1,977 | 22.9 | D | 39 | 0.6 |
| All other carloads | 57,089 | I | 2,402 | 4.4 | I | 1,586 | 2.9 |
| LCL traffic | 153 | D | 104 | 40.5 | I | 19 | 14.2 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 384,222 | D | 8,330 | 2.1 | I | 27,588 | 7.7 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 392,552 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks) | 2,787,133 | 3,023,729 | D 7.8 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 7 Weeks ended February 16 | 111.7 | 121.0 | D 7.7 |
| Week ended February 23 | 17.8 | 17.9 | D 0.4 |
| 8 weeks cumulative | 129.5 | 138.9 | D 6.7 |

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WASHINGTON, March 7, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 2 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first nine weeks of 1985 was an estimated 147.7 billion ton-miles, down 5.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 2 totaled 394,948, up 1.0 percent from last year, and 2.8 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.4 percent in the East and 4.8 percent in the South, but down 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were up 5,223 cars (4.7 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 2,860 cars (14.5 percent). Nineteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 23 totaled 85,120 trailers and/or containers, 1.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of the year was 639,815 trailers and/or containers, down 4.7 percent.

Effective today, the figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now only carry one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/02/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended March 2, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,253 | D | 1,821 | 7.0 | I | 2,288 | 10.4 |
| Other farm products | 4,087 | I | 55 | 1.4 | I | 523 | 14.7 |
| Metallic ores | 12,155 | D | 2,227 | 15.5 | I | 214 | 1.8 |
| Coal | 115,556 | I | 5,223 | 4.7 | D | 5,875 | 4.8 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,050 | I | 978 | 10.8 | I | 163 | 1.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,467 | I | 1,554 | 14.2 | I | 2,312 | 22.8 |
| Grain mill products | 10,868 | D | 569 | 5.0 | I | 331 | 3.1 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,538 | I | 256 | 2.3 | I | 742 | 6.9 |
| Primary forest products | 12,490 | D | 1,146 | 8.4 | D | 1,040 | 7.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,469 | D | 654 | 8.1 | I | 483 | 6.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,569 | D | 186 | 1.2 | I | 882 | 6.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 26,186 | D | 684 | 2.5 | I | 1,462 | 5.9 |
| Petroleum products | 4,597 | D | 452 | 9.0 | I | 156 | 3.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,320 | D | 95 | 0.9 | I | 270 | 2.7 |
| Coke | 5,272 | I | 403 | 8.3 | I | 390 | 8.0 |
| Metals and products | 10,484 | D | 1,105 | 9.5 | I | 1,488 | 16.5 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,616 | I | 2,860 | 14.5 | I | 193 | 0.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,865 | D | 355 | 3.5 | I | 551 | 5.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,303 | D | 478 | 6.1 | I | 651 | 9.8 |
| All other carloads | 61,626 | I | 2,380 | 4.0 | I | 4,523 | 7.9 |
| LCL traffic | 177 | D | 169 | 48.8 | I | 24 | 15.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 394,948 | I | 3,768 | 1.0 | I | 10,731 | 2.8 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 391,180 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks) | 3,182,549 | 3,414,909 | D 6.8 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 8 Weeks ended February 23 | 129.5 | 138.9 | D 6.7 |
| Week ended March 2 | 18.2 | 18.0 | I 1.0 |
| 9 weeks cumulative | 147.7 | 156.9 | D 5.9 |

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WASHINGTON, March 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 9 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 5.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 165.4 billion ton-miles, down 5.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 9 totaled 386,476, down 3.8 percent from last year, and 2.0 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.2 percent in the South, but down 4.7 percent in the East and 6.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up 1,096 cars (11.3 percent). Fifteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 2 totaled 91,822 trailers and/or containers, 1.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first nine weeks of the year was 731,637 trailers and/or containers, down 4.2 percent from 1984.

Effective with last week's Trends, the figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/09/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended March 9, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,264 | D | 4,729 | 17.5 | D | 1,985 | 8.2 |
| Other farm products | 3,366 | D | 34 | 1.0 | D | 721 | 17.6 |
| Metallic ores | 12,296 | D | 3,602 | 22.7 | I | 541 | 4.6 |
| Coal | 116,053 | D | 1,436 | 1.2 | I | 495 | 0.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,803 | I | 1,096 | 11.3 | I | 753 | 7.5 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,522 | D | 767 | 6.2 | D | 945 | 7.6 |
| Grain mill products | 10,767 | D | 498 | 4.4 | D | 88 | 0.8 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,332 | I | 359 | 3.3 | D | 207 | 1.8 |
| Primary forest products | 12,928 | D | 956 | 6.9 | I | 426 | 3.4 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,759 | D | 1,014 | 13.0 | D | 691 | 9.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,918 | I | 378 | 2.6 | D | 638 | 4.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,764 | I | 356 | 1.4 | D | 422 | 1.6 |
| Petroleum products | 4,488 | D | 633 | 12.4 | D | 105 | 2.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,529 | D | 327 | 3.0 | I | 224 | 2.2 |
| Coke | 4,644 | D | 719 | 13.4 | D | 628 | 11.9 |
| Metals and products | 9,019 | D | 1,440 | 13.8 | D | 1,468 | 14.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,248 | I | 207 | 0.9 | D | 367 | 1.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 10,095 | D | 505 | 4.8 | I | 220 | 2.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,898 | D | 537 | 7.2 | D | 405 | 5.5 |
| All other carloads | 59,608 | D | 196 | 0.3 | D | 2,016 | 3.3 |
| LCL traffic | 175 | D | 115 | 39.7 | D | 2 | 1.1 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 386,476 | D | 15,112 | 3.8 | D | 8,029 | 2.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 401,588 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks) | 3,568,582 | 3,816,497 | D 6.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 9 Weeks ended March 2 | 147.7 | 156.9 | D 5.9 |
| Week ended March 9 | 17.7 | 18.8 | D 5.9 |
| 10 weeks cumulative | 165.4 | 175.5 | D 5.8 |

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WASHINGTON, March 14, 1985 -- Revised figures show that U. S. railroads carried a record 921.6 billion ton-miles of freight in 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Preliminary figures based on estimates in December were slightly lower and also fell below the previous record of 918.6 billion ton-miles, set in 1980.

The 1984 ton-mile total was 11.3 percent above 1983 and 0.3 percent above the 1980 total.

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WASHINGTON, March 21, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 16 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 183.7 billion ton-miles, down 5.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 16 totaled 398,008, down 2.8 percent from last year, but 3.0 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.9 percent in the South, but down 2.1 percent in the East and 5.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 1,436 cars (6.7 percent). Fourteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 9 totaled 88,926 trailers and/or containers, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first ten weeks of the year was 821,353 trailers and/or containers, down 3.8 percent from 1984.

As noted in Trends of the two previous weeks, the figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/16/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended March 16, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,832 | D | 4,756 | 16.1 | I | 2,582 | 11.6 |
| Other farm products | 3,834 | I | 491 | 14.7 | I | 468 | 13.9 |
| Metallic ores | 11,833 | D | 5,264 | 30.8 | D | 454 | 3.7 |
| Coal | 119,652 | D | 1,570 | 1.3 | I | 3,602 | 3.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,596 | I | 914 | 9.4 | D | 207 | 1.9 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,705 | D | 197 | 1.7 | I | 183 | 1.6 |
| Grain mill products | 10,665 | D | 801 | 7.0 | D | 110 | 1.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,639 | I | 919 | 8.6 | I | 310 | 2.7 |
| Primary forest products | 12,912 | D | 1,605 | 11.1 | D | 1 | 0.0 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,147 | D | 688 | 8.8 | I | 386 | 5.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,631 | D | 258 | 1.7 | D | 273 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 28,183 | I | 2,122 | 8.1 | I | 2,416 | 9.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,677 | D | 348 | 6.9 | I | 195 | 4.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,237 | I | 251 | 2.3 | I | 717 | 6.8 |
| Coke | 5,310 | I | 72 | 1.4 | I | 666 | 14.3 |
| Metals and products | 9,664 | D | 832 | 7.9 | I | 648 | 7.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,842 | I | 1,436 | 6.7 | I | 597 | 2.7 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 10,536 | D | 128 | 1.2 | I | 439 | 4.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,916 | D | 478 | 6.5 | I | 18 | 0.3 |
| All other carloads | 59,039 | D | 662 | 1.1 | D | 556 | 0.9 |
| LCL traffic | 158 | D | 92 | 36.8 | D | 17 | 9.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 398,008 | D | 11,474 | 2.8 | I | 11,609 | 3.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 409,482 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks) | 3,966,513 | 4,225,979 | D 6.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 10 Weeks ended March 9 | 165.4 | 175.5 | D 5.8 |
| Week ended March 16 | 18.3 | 18.6 | D 1.8 |
| 11 weeks cumulative | 183.7 | 194.2 | D 5.4 |

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WASHINGTON, March 28, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 23 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 202.1 billion ton-miles, down 4.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 23 totaled 399,563, down 1.1 percent from last year, but 0.4 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the South, but down 1.3 percent in the East and 2.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings increased by 5,231 cars (4.4 percent) and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up 1,688 cars (16.5 percent). Fifteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 16 totaled 88,394 trailers and/or containers, 6.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eleven weeks of the year was 907,760 trailers and/or containers, down 4.1 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/23/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended March 23, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 23,173 | D | 4,083 | 15.0 | D | 1,663 | 0.7 |
| Other farm products | 3,345 | D | 84 | 2.4 | D | 489 | 12.8 |
| Metallic ores | 14,860 | D | 1,806 | 10.8 | I | 3,025 | 25.6 |
| Coal | 123,229 | I | 5,231 | 4.4 | I | 3,578 | 3.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,949 | I | 1,688 | 16.5 | I | 1,353 | 12.8 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,901 | D | 487 | 3.9 | I | 196 | 1.7 |
| Grain mill products | 10,374 | D | 664 | 6.0 | D | 283 | 2.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,942 | D | 6 | 0.1 | D | 697 | 6.0 |
| Primary forest products | 12,611 | D | 1,788 | 12.4 | D | 302 | 2.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,932 | D | 1,116 | 13.9 | D | 214 | 3.0 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,448 | D | 464 | 3.1 | D | 195 | 1.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 27,344 | I | 1,400 | 5.4 | D | 849 | 3.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,868 | I | 318 | 7.0 | I | 183 | 3.9 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,398 | I | 384 | 3.5 | I | 149 | 1.3 |
| Coke | 4,841 | D | 836 | 14.7 | D | 469 | 8.8 |
| Metals and products | 9,430 | D | 1,397 | 12.9 | D | 233 | 2.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,209 | I | 1,001 | 4.7 | D | 635 | 2.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 10,148 | D | 369 | 3.5 | D | 387 | 3.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,705 | D | 932 | 12.2 | D | 211 | 3.1 |
| All other carloads | 58,726 | D | 385 | 0.7 | D | 309 | 0.5 |
| LCL traffic | 130 | D | 152 | 53.9 | D | 28 | 17.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 399,563 | D | 4,547 | 1.1 | I | 1,520 | 0.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 404,110 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks) | 4,366,111 | 4,630,089 | D | 5.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 11 Weeks ended March 16 | 183.7 | 194.2 | D | 5.4 |
| Week ended March 23 | 18.3 | 18.3 | I | 0.4 |
| 12 weeks cumulative | 202.1 | 212.4 | D | 4.9 |

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WASHINGTON, April 4, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 30 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 2.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 220.4 billion ton-miles, down 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 30 totaled 397,521, down 4.6 percent from last year, and 0.5 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.6 percent in the South, but down 6.1 percent in the East and 6.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand by 1,865 cars (18.8 percent). Eleven of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 23 totaled 87,343 trailers and/or containers, 4.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of the year was 995,103 trailers and/or containers, down 4.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/30/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended March 30, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,350 | D | 6,068 | 21.4 | D | 823 | 3.6 |
| Other farm products | 3,169 | D | 278 | 8.1 | D | 176 | 5.3 |
| Metallic ores | 13,908 | D | 4,294 | 23.6 | D | 952 | 6.4 |
| Coal | 119,365 | D | 1,806 | 1.5 | D | 3,864 | 3.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,763 | I | 1,865 | 18.8 | D | 186 | 1.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,560 | D | 1,142 | 9.0 | D | 341 | 2.9 |
| Grain mill products | 10,931 | D | 394 | 3.5 | I | 557 | 5.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,384 | D | 151 | 1.3 | I | 442 | 4.0 |
| Primary forest products | 12,532 | D | 1,464 | 10.5 | D | 79 | 0.6 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,681 | D | 911 | 10.6 | I | 749 | 10.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,927 | D | 1,021 | 6.4 | I | 479 | 3.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 27,423 | I | 588 | 2.2 | I | 79 | 0.3 |
| Petroleum products | 4,678 | I | 154 | 3.4 | D | 190 | 3.9 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,361 | I | 286 | 2.6 | D | 37 | 0.3 |
| Coke | 5,218 | D | 151 | 2.8 | I | 377 | 7.8 |
| Metals and products | 9,922 | D | 1,408 | 12.4 | I | 492 | 5.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,636 | I | 841 | 3.9 | I | 427 | 1.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,973 | D | 925 | 8.5 | D | 175 | 1.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,953 | D | 556 | 7.4 | I | 248 | 3.7 |
| All other carloads | 59,640 | D | 2,309 | 3.7 | I | 914 | 1.6 |
| LCL traffic | 147 | D | 151 | 50.7 | I | 17 | 13.1 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 397,521 | D | 19,295 | 4.6 | D | 2,042 | 0.5 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 416,816 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (13 weeks) | 4,763,632 | 5,046,905 | D 5.6 |

| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 Weeks ended March 23 | 202.1 | 212.4 | D 4.9 |
| Week ended March 30 | 18.3 | 18.7 | D 2.1 |
| 13 weeks cumulative | 220.4 | 231.1 | D 4.7 |

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WASHINGTON, April 11, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 6 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 6.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1985 week included Good Friday.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 237.0 billion ton-miles, down 4.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 6 totaled 364,086, down 8.9 percent from last year, and 8.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.7 percent in the East, 3.7 percent in the South and 9.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,959 cars (18.2 percent). Nineteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 30 totaled 90,197 trailers and/or containers, 4.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 1,085,268 trailers and/or containers, down 4.2 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/6/85.

| | Loadings in Week ended April 6, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,275 | D | 9,138 | 31.1 | D | 2,075 | 9.3 |
| Other farm products | 2,893 | D | 1,388 | 32.4 | D | 276 | 8.7 |
| Metallic ores | 13,660 | D | 1,511 | 10.0 | D | 248 | 1.8 |
| Coal | 107,403 | D | 5,833 | 5.2 | D | 11,962 | 10.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 12,741 | I | 1,959 | 18.2 | I | 978 | 8.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,107 | D | 2,135 | 19.0 | D | 2,453 | 21.2 |
| Grain mill products | 9,203 | D | 1,161 | 11.2 | D | 1,728 | 15.8 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,823 | I | 4 | 0.0 | D | 561 | 4.9 |
| Primary forest products | 11,850 | D | 2,112 | 15.1 | D | 682 | 5.4 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,476 | D | 1,046 | 13.9 | D | 1,205 | 15.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,964 | D | 1,215 | 8.0 | D | 963 | 6.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,753 | D | 56 | 0.2 | D | 2,670 | 9.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,142 | D | 1,038 | 20.0 | D | 536 | 11.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,690 | D | 491 | 4.4 | D | 671 | 5.9 |
| Coke | 5,284 | D | 350 | 6.2 | I | 66 | 1.3 |
| Metals and products | 8,998 | D | 1,906 | 17.5 | D | 924 | 9.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,333 | D | 1,964 | 9.2 | D | 3,303 | 14.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,540 | D | 1,526 | 15.2 | D | 1,433 | 14.4 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,289 | D | 1,745 | 21.7 | D | 664 | 9.5 |
| All other carloads | 57,531 | D | 2,707 | 4.5 | D | 2,109 | 3.5 |
| LCL traffic | 131 | D | 140 | 51.7 | D | 16 | 10.9 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 364,086 | D | 35,499 | 8.9 | D | 33,435 | 8.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 399,585 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks) | 5,127,782 | 5,446,490 | D 5.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 13 Weeks ended March 30 | 220.4 | 231.1 | D 4.7 |
| Week ended April 6 | 16.7 | 17.8 | D 6.7 |
| 14 weeks cumulative | 237.0 | 249.0 | D 4.8 |

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WASHINGTON, April 18, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 13 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 4.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 254.4 billion ton-miles, down 4.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 13 totaled 381,045, down 6.9 percent from last year, but 4.7 percent higher than the preceding week, which included Good Friday. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.5 percent in the East, 2.4 percent in the South and 7.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up by 1,910 cars (17.4 percent). Fourteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 6 totaled 83,703 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 1,168,971 trailers and/or containers, down 4.4 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/13/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended April 13, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,946 | D | 7,660 | 26.8 | I | 671 | 3.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,481 | D | 954 | 21.5 | I | 588 | 20.3 |
| Metallic ores | 13,210 | D | 4,785 | 26.6 | D | 450 | 3.3 |
| Coal | 118,355 | D | 1,713 | 1.4 | I | 10,952 | 10.2 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 12,867 | I | 1,910 | 17.4 | I | 126 | 1.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,415 | D | 528 | 4.8 | I | 1,308 | 14.4 |
| Grain mill products | 10,217 | D | 288 | 2.7 | I | 1,014 | 11.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,980 | D | 220 | 2.0 | I | 157 | 1.5 |
| Primary forest products | 11,939 | D | 2,365 | 16.5 | I | 109 | 0.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,291 | D | 324 | 4.3 | I | 811 | 12.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,894 | D | 538 | 3.7 | D | 27 | 0.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 26,228 | D | 139 | 0.5 | I | 1,503 | 6.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,698 | D | 442 | 8.6 | I | 571 | 13.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,469 | I | 156 | 1.4 | I | 779 | 7.3 |
| Coke | 5,222 | D | 317 | 5.7 | D | 62 | 1.2 |
| Metals and products | 8,840 | D | 1,691 | 16.1 | D | 158 | 1.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,932 | I | 133 | 0.6 | I | 1,599 | 8.3 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,238 | D | 1,300 | 12.3 | I | 699 | 8.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,040 | D | 1,460 | 19.5 | D | 249 | 4.0 |
| All other carloads | 54,664 | D | 5,749 | 9.5 | D | 2,894 | 5.0 |
| LCL traffic | 119 | D | 151 | 55.9 | D | 12 | 9.2 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 381,045 | D | 28,425 | 6.9 | I | 17,035 | 4.7 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 409,470 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks) | 5,508,751 | 5,855,960 | D 5.9 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 Weeks ended April 6 | 237.0 | 249.0 | D 4.8 |
| Week ended April 13 | 17.4 | 18.2 | D 4.6 |
| 15 weeks cumulative | 254.4 | 267.2 | D 4.8 |

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WASHINGTON, April 25, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 20 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 272.1 billion ton-miles, down 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 20 totaled 390,471, down 0.8 percent from last year, but 2.4 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.7 percent in the East, and down 0.1 percent in the South and 2.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 5,020 cars (27.5 percent), chemicals and allied products increased by 3,083 cars (12.7 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 2,065 cars (18.2 percent). Fifteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 13 totaled 81,707 trailers and/or containers, 9.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 1,250,713 trailers and/or containers, down 4.8 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/20/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended April 20, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 19,982 | D | 5,249 | 20.8 | D | 956 | 4.6 |
| Other farm products | 3,857 | D | 494 | 11.4 | I | 375 | 10.8 |
| Metallic ores | 15,556 | D | 1,199 | 7.2 | I | 2,324 | 17.6 |
| Coal | 117,091 | D | 3,882 | 3.2 | D | 1,262 | 1.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,434 | I | 2,065 | 18.2 | I | 567 | 4.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,054 | D | 511 | 4.4 | I | 639 | 6.1 |
| Grain mill products | 10,475 | I | 522 | 5.2 | I | 272 | 2.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,491 | I | 1,238 | 12.1 | I | 513 | 4.7 |
| Primary forest products | 11,575 | D | 2,414 | 17.3 | D | 374 | 3.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,777 | I | 520 | 7.2 | I | 479 | 6.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,868 | D | 400 | 2.8 | D | 131 | 0.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 27,330 | I | 3,083 | 12.7 | I | 1,070 | 4.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,641 | I | 133 | 3.0 | D | 65 | 1.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,538 | I | 401 | 3.6 | I | 60 | 0.5 |
| Coke | 5,469 | D | 78 | 1.4 | I | 247 | 4.7 |
| Metals and products | 8,791 | D | 1,629 | 15.6 | D | 48 | 0.5 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 23,257 | I | 5,020 | 27.5 | I | 2,327 | 11.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,322 | D | 56 | 0.6 | I | 83 | 0.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,445 | D | 451 | 6.5 | I | 405 | 6.7 |
| All other carloads | 57,393 | I | 236 | 0.4 | I | 2,770 | 5.1 |
| LCL traffic | 125 | D | 115 | 47.9 | I | 6 | 5.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 390,471 | D | 3,260 | 0.8 | I | 9,301 | 2.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 393,731 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (16 weeks) | 5,898,071 | 6,248,488 | D 5.6 |

| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 Weeks ended April 13 | 254.4 | 267.2 | D 4.8 |
| Week ended April 20 | 17.7 | 17.4 | I 1.5 |
| 16 weeks cumulative | 272.1 | 284.6 | D 4.4 |

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WASHINGTON, May 2, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 27 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 2.6 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 289.8 billion ton-miles, down 4.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 27 totaled 389,359, down 1.1 percent from last year, and 0.3 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.3 percent in the West, but down 2.3 percent in the East and 5.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 3,464 cars (17.3 percent), and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,885 cars (16.2 percent). Ten of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 20 totaled 85,839 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 1,336,552 trailers and/or containers, down 4.5 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/27/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended April 27, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 18,321 | D | 5,565 | 23.3 | D | 1,658 | 8.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,631 | D | 544 | 13.0 | D | 225 | 5.8 |
| Metallic ores | 16,397 | D | 1,203 | 6.8 | I | 835 | 5.4 |
| Coal | 114,687 | I | 4,961 | 4.5 | D | 2,403 | 2.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,526 | I | 1,885 | 16.2 | I | 92 | 0.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,421 | D | 1,296 | 10.2 | I | 361 | 3.3 |
| Grain mill products | 9,974 | D | 227 | 2.2 | D | 525 | 5.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,469 | I | 622 | 5.7 | D | 24 | 0.2 |
| Primary forest products | 11,147 | D | 3,519 | 24.0 | D | 409 | 3.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 8,365 | I | 460 | 5.8 | I | 594 | 7.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,346 | D | 512 | 3.4 | I | 481 | 3.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 26,611 | D | 147 | 0.5 | D | 720 | 2.6 |
| Petroleum products | 4,500 | D | 610 | 11.9 | D | 139 | 3.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,380 | D | 341 | 2.9 | D | 194 | 1.7 |
| Coke | 5,602 | D | 228 | 3.9 | I | 133 | 2.4 |
| Metals and products | 9,860 | D | 828 | 7.7 | I | 1,074 | 12.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 23,518 | I | 3,464 | 17.3 | I | 263 | 1.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,293 | D | 732 | 7.3 | D | 28 | 0.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,414 | D | 619 | 8.8 | D | 31 | 0.5 |
| All other carloads | 58,772 | I | 708 | 1.2 | I | 1,376 | 2.4 |
| LCL traffic | 125 | D | 108 | 46.4 | I | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 389,359 | D | 4,379 | 1.1 | D | 1,147 | 0.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 393,738 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks) | 6,287,465 | 6,642,226 | D 5.3 |

| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 Weeks ended April 20 | 272.1 | 284.6 | D 4.4 |
| Week ended April 27 | 17.7 | 17.2 | I 2.6 |
| 17 weeks cumulative | 289.8 | 301.9 | D 4.0 |

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WASHINGTON, May 9, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 4 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 307.4 billion ton-miles, down 3.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 4 totaled 388,703, down 3.7 percent from last year, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 4.3 percent in the East, 1.9 percent in the South and 4.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 1,443 cars (6.9 percent), and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,979 cars (16.9 percent). Ten of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 27 totaled 85,284 trailers and/or containers, 0.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 1,424,190 trailers and/or containers, down 4.1 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/4/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended May 4, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 17,826 | D | 6,247 | 26.0 | D | 512 | 2.8 |
| Other farm products | 3,575 | D | 190 | 5.0 | D | 56 | 1.5 |
| Metallic ores | 19,491 | I | 1,255 | 6.9 | I | 3,111 | 19.0 |
| Coal | 111,757 | D | 5,974 | 5.1 | D | 2,933 | 2.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,706 | I | 1,979 | 16.9 | I | 180 | 1.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,035 | I | 736 | 6.5 | I | 620 | 5.4 |
| Grain mill products | 10,117 | D | 771 | 7.1 | I | 172 | 1.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,214 | I | 205 | 1.9 | D | 253 | 2.2 |
| Primary forest products | 11,991 | D | 1,808 | 13.1 | I | 799 | 7.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,843 | I | 552 | 7.6 | D | 532 | 6.4 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,229 | D | 534 | 3.6 | D | 55 | 0.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,902 | D | 304 | 1.2 | D | 724 | 2.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,577 | D | 263 | 5.4 | I | 79 | 1.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,509 | D | 248 | 2.1 | I | 139 | 1.2 |
| Coke | 5,432 | D | 505 | 8.5 | D | 170 | 3.0 |
| Metals and products | 9,766 | D | 1,545 | 13.7 | D | 92 | 0.9 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,299 | I | 1,443 | 6.9 | D | 1,222 | 5.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,111 | D | 663 | 6.8 | D | 186 | 2.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,666 | D | 540 | 7.5 | I | 252 | 3.9 |
| All other carloads | 59,514 | D | 1,262 | 2.1 | I | 745 | 1.3 |
| LCL traffic | 143 | D | 82 | 36.4 | I | 18 | 14.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 388,703 | D | 14,766 | 3.7 | D | 620 | 0.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 403,469 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks) | 6,676,132 | 7,045,695 | D | 5.2 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 17 Weeks ended April 27 | 289.8 | 301.9 | D | 4.0 |
| Week ended May 4 | 17.6 | 17.9 | D | 1.2 |
| 18 weeks cumulative | 307.4 | 319.7 | D | 3.9 |

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Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 324.8 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 11 totaled 382,065, down 2.8 percent from last year, and 1.6 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.0 percent in the South, but down 2.7 percent in the East and 5.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings increased by 4,931 cars (4.5 percent), and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,122 cars (8.8 percent). Fifteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 4 totaled 86,048 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 1,511,043 trailers and/or containers, down 4.0 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/11/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended May 11, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 16,482 | D | 6,975 | 29.7 | D | 1,205 | 6.8 |
| Other farm products | 3,405 | D | 495 | 12.7 | I | 13 | 0.4 |
| Metallic ores | 17,378 | D | 1,295 | 6.9 | D | 2,113 | 10.8 |
| Coal | 114,011 | I | 4,931 | 4.5 | I | 2,261 | 2.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,817 | I | 1,122 | 8.8 | I | 111 | 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,568 | I | 415 | 3.7 | D | 467 | 3.9 |
| Grain mill products | 10,036 | D | 605 | 5.7 | D | 71 | 0.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,038 | I | 588 | 5.6 | D | 174 | 1.6 |
| Primary forest products | 11,717 | D | 2,290 | 16.3 | D | 273 | 2.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,385 | I | 230 | 3.2 | D | 451 | 5.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,521 | D | 1,045 | 7.2 | D | 701 | 4.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,757 | I | 120 | 0.5 | D | 21 | 0.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,490 | D | 134 | 2.9 | D | 86 | 1.9 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,542 | D | 540 | 4.5 | I | 50 | 0.4 |
| Coke | 4,916 | D | 683 | 12.2 | D | 516 | 9.5 |
| Metals and products | 8,719 | D | 1,622 | 15.7 | D | 1,043 | 10.7 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,160 | I | 994 | 4.7 | D | 139 | 0.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,622 | D | 1,641 | 16.0 | D | 476 | 5.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,709 | D | 671 | 9.1 | I | 43 | 0.6 |
| All other carloads | 58,633 | D | 1,503 | 2.5 | D | 879 | 1.5 |
| LCL traffic | 159 | D | 89 | 35.9 | I | 16 | 11.2 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 382,065 | D | 11,188 | 2.8 | D | 6,121 | 1.6 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 393,253 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks) | 7,057,680 | 7,438,948 | D 5.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 18 Weeks ended May 4 | 307.4 | 319.7 | D 3.9 |
| Week ended May 11 | 17.4 | 17.6 | D 0.9 |
| 19 weeks cumulative | 324.8 | 337.3 | D 3.7 |

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Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 342.4 billion ton-miles, down 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 18 totaled 389,296, down 5.2 percent from last year, but 2.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.1 percent in the East, 8.1 percent in the South and 3.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,969 cars (9.2 percent) and metallic ores showed a gain of 1,187 cars (5.9 percent). Twelve of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 11 totaled 87,111 trailers and/or containers, 3.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 1,598,154 trailers and/or containers, down 3.9 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/18/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended May 18, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 16,073 | D | 7,691 | 32.4 | I | 53 | 0.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,519 | D | 386 | 9.9 | I | 73 | 2.1 |
| Metallic ores | 21,413 | I | 1,187 | 5.9 | I | 4,049 | 23.3 |
| Coal | 119,233 | D | 2,157 | 1.8 | I | 5,250 | 4.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,028 | D | 1,976 | 15.2 | D | 2,706 | 19.7 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,956 | D | 1,568 | 12.5 | D | 638 | 5.5 |
| Grain mill products | 10,265 | D | 481 | 4.5 | I | 220 | 2.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,932 | I | 349 | 3.3 | D | 71 | 0.6 |
| Primary forest products | 12,417 | D | 2,294 | 15.6 | I | 774 | 6.6 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,806 | I | 620 | 8.6 | I | 483 | 6.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,887 | D | 436 | 3.0 | I | 375 | 2.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,693 | D | 2,198 | 8.2 | D | 1,135 | 4.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,474 | D | 276 | 5.8 | D | 53 | 1.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,427 | D | 673 | 5.6 | D | 224 | 1.9 |
| Coke | 5,542 | D | 131 | 2.3 | I | 620 | 12.6 |
| Metals and products | 9,204 | D | 1,035 | 10.1 | I | 486 | 5.6 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 23,305 | I | 1,969 | 9.2 | I | 1,084 | 4.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,703 | D | 1,705 | 16.4 | I | 26 | 0.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,231 | D | 887 | 12.5 | D | 410 | 6.2 |
| All other carloads | 58,057 | D | 1,273 | 2.1 | D | 276 | 0.5 |
| LCL traffic | 131 | D | 111 | 45.9 | D | 30 | 18.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 389,296 | D | 21,153 | 5.2 | I | 7,950 | 2.1 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 410,449 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks) | 7,446,257 | 7,849,397 | D 5.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 19 Weeks ended May 11 | 324.8 | 337.3 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended May 18 | 17.6 | 18.0 | D 2.0 |
| 20 weeks cumulative | 342.4 | 355.3 | D 3.6 |

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WASHINGTON, May 30, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 25 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 6.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 360.3 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 25 totaled 391,945, down 7.3 percent from last year, but 0.7 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.9 percent in the East, 8.2 percent in the South and 4.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,841 cars (9.1 percent). Thirteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 18 totaled 84,998 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 1,683,652 trailers and/or containers, down 3.9 percent from 1984.

The figures for flatcar loadings in the weekly TOFC/COFC report have been discontinued. The increased use of longer trailers has made the figures less and less comparable to the past, as many flatcars now carry only one trailer, where they carried two before.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/25/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended May 25, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 18,468 | D | 4,702 | 20.3 | I | 2,395 | 14.9 |
| Other farm products | 3,593 | D | 230 | 6.0 | I | 74 | 2.1 |
| Metallic ores | 20,241 | D | 495 | 2.4 | D | 1,172 | 5.5 |
| Coal | 119,643 | D | 10,898 | 8.3 | I | 410 | 0.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,172 | I | 1 | 0.0 | I | 2,144 | 19.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,714 | I | 136 | 1.3 | D | 242 | 2.2 |
| Grain mill products | 10,168 | D | 891 | 8.1 | D | 97 | 0.9 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,945 | I | 102 | 0.9 | I | 13 | 0.1 |
| Primary forest products | 11,991 | D | 2,193 | 15.5 | D | 426 | 3.4 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,978 | I | 45 | 0.6 | I | 172 | 2.2 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,034 | D | 1,288 | 8.4 | I | 147 | 1.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,080 | D | 3,191 | 11.7 | D | 613 | 2.5 |
| Petroleum products | 4,775 | D | 86 | 1.8 | I | 301 | 6.7 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,522 | D | 597 | 4.9 | I | 95 | 0.8 |
| Coke | 5,123 | D | 593 | 10.4 | D | 419 | 7.6 |
| Metals and products | 9,341 | D | 1,211 | 11.5 | I | 137 | 1.5 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,108 | I | 1,841 | 9.1 | D | 1,197 | 5.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,604 | D | 1,981 | 18.7 | D | 99 | 1.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,286 | D | 283 | 4.3 | I | 55 | 0.9 |
| All other carloads | 59,009 | D | 4,097 | 6.5 | I | 952 | 1.6 |
| LCL traffic | 150 | D | 123 | 45.1 | I | 19 | 14.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 391,945 | D | 30,734 | 7.3 | I | 2,649 | 0.7 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 422,679 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks) | 7,838,202 | 8,272,076 | D 5.2 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 Weeks ended May 18 | 342.4 | 355.3 | D 3.6 |
| Week ended May 25 | 17.9 | 19.1 | D 6.4 |
| 21 weeks cumulative | 360.3 | 374.4 | D 3.8 |

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WASHINGTON, June 6, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 1 totaled an estimated 16.1 billion ton-miles, 5.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 376.6 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 1 totaled 347,529, down 6.6 percent from last year, and 11.4 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.9 percent in the East, 4.7 percent in the South and 2.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,177 cars (6.8 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,123 cars (10.6 percent). Seventeen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 25 totaled 87,189 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 1,770,841 trailers and/or containers, down 3.8 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/1/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 1, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 19,294 | D | 2,012 | 9.4 | I | 826 | 4.5 |
| Other farm products | 3,658 | D | 180 | 4.7 | I | 65 | 1.8 |
| Metallic ores | 15,965 | D | 3,044 | 16.0 | D | 4,276 | 21.1 |
| Coal | 102,378 | D | 12,315 | 10.7 | D | 17,265 | 14.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,706 | I | 1,123 | 10.6 | D | 1,466 | 11.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,945 | D | 465 | 4.1 | I | 231 | 2.2 |
| Grain mill products | 8,873 | D | 549 | 5.8 | D | 1,293 | 12.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 9,890 | I | 492 | 5.2 | D | 1,057 | 9.7 |
| Primary forest products | 10,696 | D | 2,308 | 17.7 | D | 1,325 | 11.0 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,102 | I | 517 | 7.9 | D | 876 | 11.0 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,155 | D | 582 | 3.9 | D | 69 | 0.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 21,236 | D | 875 | 4.0 | D | 2,876 | 11.9 |
| Petroleum products | 4,041 | D | 137 | 3.3 | D | 729 | 15.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,343 | D | 18 | 0.2 | D | 1,179 | 10.2 |
| Coke | 4,653 | D | 1,149 | 19.8 | D | 470 | 9.2 |
| Metals and products | 9,641 | D | 963 | 9.1 | I | 302 | 3.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 18,532 | I | 1,177 | 6.8 | D | 3,576 | 16.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,419 | D | 1,372 | 15.6 | D | 1,182 | 13.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 5,284 | D | 684 | 11.5 | D | 1,002 | 15.9 |
| All other carloads | 51,584 | D | 1,153 | 2.2 | D | 7,445 | 12.6 |
| LCL traffic | 134 | D | 66 | 33.0 | D | 16 | 10.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 347,529 | D | 24,563 | 6.6 | D | 44,678 | 11.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 372,092 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks) | 8,185,993 | 8,644,168 | D 5.3 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 21 Weeks ended May 25 | 360.5 (Rev.) | 374.4 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended June 1 | 16.1 | 17.0 | D 5.6 |
| 22 weeks cumulative | 376.6 | 391.5 | D 3.8 |

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WASHINGTON, June 13, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 8 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 4.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 394.8 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 8 totaled 392,877, down 6.3 percent from last year, but 13.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.7 percent in the East, 4.0 percent in the South and 3.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,766 cars (8.6 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,256 cars (9.7 percent). Eighteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended June 1 totaled 76,168 trailers and/or containers, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 1,847,009 trailers and/or containers, down 3.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/8/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 8, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,273 | D | 1,803 | 7.5 | I | 2,984 | 15.5 |
| Other farm products | 4,209 | I | 220 | 5.5 | I | 551 | 15.1 |
| Metallic ores | 18,204 | D | 3,746 | 17.1 | I | 2,244 | 14.1 |
| Coal | 118,909 | D | 10,701 | 8.3 | I | 16,534 | 16.2 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 14,266 | I | 1,256 | 9.7 | I | 2,560 | 21.9 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,998 | D | 467 | 3.7 | I | 1,053 | 9.6 |
| Grain mill products | 10,305 | D | 395 | 3.7 | I | 1,439 | 16.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,943 | D | 64 | 0.6 | I | 1,055 | 10.7 |
| Primary forest products | 11,914 | D | 2,432 | 17.0 | I | 1,263 | 11.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,545 | I | 198 | 2.7 | I | 453 | 6.4 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,761 | D | 1,597 | 10.4 | D | 216 | 1.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,265 | D | 517 | 2.2 | I | 2,048 | 9.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,630 | D | 99 | 2.1 | I | 580 | 14.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,550 | D | 83 | 0.7 | I | 1,203 | 11.6 |
| Coke | 4,631 | D | 1,319 | 22.2 | D | 22 | 0.5 |
| Metals and products | 9,613 | I | 109 | 1.1 | D | 22 | 0.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,261 | I | 1,766 | 8.6 | I | 3,732 | 20.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,241 | D | 1,640 | 16.6 | I | 834 | 11.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,142 | D | 1,408 | 18.6 | I | 858 | 16.2 |
| All other carloads | 58,075 | D | 3,414 | 5.6 | I | 6,523 | 12.7 |
| LCL traffic | 142 | D | 76 | 34.9 | I | 8 | 6.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 392,877 | D | 26,212 | 6.3 | I | 45,662 | 13.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 419,089 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks) | 8,578,556 | 9,063,257 | D 5.3 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 22 Weeks ended June 1 | 376.6 | 391.5 | D 3.8 |
| Week ended June 8 | 18.2 | 19.1 | D 4.8 |
| 23 weeks cumulative | 394.8 | 410.6 | D 3.8 |

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WASHINGTON, June 20, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 15 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 412.9 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 15 totaled 390,762, down 4.0 percent from last year, and 0.6 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.6 percent in the West, but down 9.9 percent in the East and 6.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,343 cars (6.4 percent). Eleven of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 8 totaled 89,161 trailers and/or containers, 0.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 1,936,170 trailers and/or containers, down 3.5 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/15/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 15, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,745 | D | 1,309 | 5.4 | I | 475 | 2.1 |
| Other farm products | 4,155 | I | 385 | 10.2 | D | 54 | 1.3 |
| Metallic ores | 19,330 | I | 234 | 1.2 | I | 1,052 | 5.8 |
| Coal | 118,223 | D | 7,409 | 5.9 | D | 684 | 0.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,346 | I | 504 | 3.9 | D | 919 | 6.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,125 | D | 1,687 | 13.2 | D | 873 | 7.3 |
| Grain mill products | 10,353 | I | 290 | 2.9 | I | 29 | 0.3 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,994 | I | 256 | 2.4 | I | 44 | 0.4 |
| Primary forest products | 11,973 | D | 1,756 | 12.8 | I | 36 | 0.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,614 | I | 403 | 5.6 | I | 71 | 0.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,536 | D | 1,322 | 8.9 | D | 239 | 1.7 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,324 | D | 714 | 3.1 | D | 948 | 4.1 |
| Petroleum products | 5,056 | I | 221 | 4.6 | I | 425 | 9.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,951 | D | 642 | 5.5 | D | 604 | 5.2 |
| Coke | 4,768 | D | 1,247 | 20.7 | I | 137 | 3.0 |
| Metals and products | 9,048 | D | 731 | 7.5 | D | 572 | 5.9 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,345 | I | 1,343 | 6.4 | I | 89 | 0.4 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,613 | D | 998 | 10.4 | I | 357 | 4.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,375 | D | 839 | 11.6 | I | 233 | 3.8 |
| All other carloads | 57,768 | D | 1,279 | 2.2 | D | 328 | 0.6 |
| LCL traffic | 120 | D | 117 | 49.4 | D | 22 | 15.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 390,762 | D | 16,414 | 4.0 | D | 2,295 | 0.6 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 407,176 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks) | 8,969,498 | 9,470,433 | D 5.3 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 23 Weeks ended June 8 | 394.8 | 410.6 | D 3.8 |
| Week ended June 15 | 18.1 | 18.4 | D 1.6 |
| 24 weeks cumulative | 412.9 | 429.0 | D 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, June 27, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 22 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 431.5 billion ton-miles, down 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 22 totaled 399,495, down 2.6 percent from last year, but 2.2 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.7 percent in the West, but down 5.6 percent in the East and 6.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,679 cars (8.0 percent), and grain loadings were up 1,597 cars (6.4 percent). Thirteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 15 totaled 89,150 trailers and/or containers, 0.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,025,320 trailers and/or containers, down 3.3 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/22/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 22, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 26,609 | I | 1,597 | 6.4 | I | 3,862 | 17.0 |
| Other farm products | 3,735 | D | 125 | 3.2 | D | 420 | 10.1 |
| Metallic ores | 18,548 | D | 1,697 | 8.4 | D | 745 | 3.9 |
| Coal | 122,453 | D | 3,526 | 2.8 | I | 4,230 | 3.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,605 | I | 991 | 7.9 | I | 259 | 1.9 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,474 | D | 1,344 | 11.4 | D | 651 | 5.9 |
| Grain mill products | 9,872 | D | 425 | 4.1 | D | 472 | 4.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,966 | D | 278 | 2.5 | D | 25 | 0.2 |
| Primary forest products | 12,005 | D | 2,125 | 15.0 | I | 48 | 0.4 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,730 | I | 331 | 4.5 | I | 115 | 1.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,913 | D | 1,309 | 8.6 | I | 332 | 2.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,408 | D | 958 | 4.1 | I | 88 | 0.4 |
| Petroleum products | 4,679 | D | 246 | 5.0 | D | 379 | 7.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,036 | D | 425 | 3.7 | I | 89 | 0.8 |
| Coke | 5,147 | D | 213 | 4.0 | I | 379 | 7.9 |
| Metals and products | 9,151 | D | 742 | 7.5 | I | 107 | 1.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,686 | I | 1,679 | 8.0 | I | 339 | 1.5 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,336 | D | 1,821 | 17.9 | D | 262 | 3.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,330 | D | 973 | 13.3 | D | 45 | 0.7 |
| All other carloads | 59,605 | I | 904 | 1.5 | I | 1,849 | 3.2 |
| LCL traffic | 207 | D | 14 | 6.3 | I | 87 | 72.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 399,495 | D | 10,719 | 2.6 | I | 8,785 | 2.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 410,214 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks) | 9,368,941 | 9,880,647 | D 5.2 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 24 Weeks ended June 15 | 412.9 | 429.0 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended June 22 | 18.5 | 18.6 | D 0.5 |
| 25 weeks cumulative | 431.5 | 447.6 | D 3.6 |

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WASHINGTON, July 3, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 29 totaled an estimated 18.6 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 450.1 billion ton-miles, down 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 29 totaled 398,064, down 0.8 percent from last year, and 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.2 percent in the West, but down 0.3 percent in the East and 3.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,150 cars (6.0 percent), and coal loadings were up 5,018 cars (4.5 percent). Eleven of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 22 totaled 86,320 trailers and/or containers, 1.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,111,640 trailers and/or containers, down 3.3 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/29/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 29, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 25,157 | D | 2,069 | 7.6 | D | 1,452 | 5.5 |
| Other farm products | 3,601 | D | 168 | 4.5 | D | 134 | 3.6 |
| Metallic ores | 19,469 | I | 1,457 | 8.1 | I | 921 | 5.0 |
| Coal | 117,406 | I | 5,018 | 4.5 | D | 5,047 | 4.2 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,112 | D | 482 | 3.5 | D | 493 | 3.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,290 | D | 1,123 | 9.0 | I | 816 | 7.8 |
| Grain mill products | 9,633 | D | 503 | 5.0 | D | 239 | 2.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,171 | D | 133 | 1.2 | I | 205 | 1.9 |
| Primary forest products | 11,980 | D | 2,052 | 14.6 | D | 25 | 0.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 8,546 | I | 746 | 9.6 | I | 816 | 10.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,668 | D | 908 | 5.8 | I | 755 | 5.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,228 | I | 1,214 | 5.1 | I | 2,820 | 12.6 |
| Petroleum products | 4,796 | D | 55 | 1.1 | I | 117 | 2.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,373 | D | 478 | 4.0 | I | 337 | 3.1 |
| Coke | 4,917 | D | 479 | 8.9 | D | 230 | 4.5 |
| Metals and products | 9,581 | D | 966 | 9.2 | I | 430 | 4.7 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,176 | I | 1,150 | 6.0 | D | 2,510 | 11.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,154 | D | 1,492 | 15.5 | D | 182 | 2.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,650 | D | 1,291 | 16.3 | I | 320 | 5.1 |
| All other carloads | 60,991 | D | 632 | 1.0 | I | 1,386 | 2.3 |
| LCL traffic | 165 | D | 51 | 23.6 | D | 42 | 20.3 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 398,064 | D | 3,297 | 0.8 | D | 1,431 | 0.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 401,361 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks) | 9,767,005 | 10,282,008 | D 5.0 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 Weeks ended June 22 | 431.5 | 447.6 | D 3.6 |
| Week ended June 29 | 18.6 | 18.5 | I 0.4 |
| 26 weeks cumulative | 450.1 | 466.1 | D 3.4 |

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WASHINGTON, July 11, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 6 totaled an estimated 14.2 billion ton-miles, 5.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day Holiday and part of the coal miners' vacation period.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 464.3 billion ton-miles, down 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 6 totaled 300,588, down 7.2 percent from last year, and 24.5 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.5 percent in the East, 6.7 percent in the South and 4.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. All of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 29 totaled 91,167 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,204,687 trailers and/or containers, down 3.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/6/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 6, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,829 | D | 1,638 | 6.7 | D | 2,328 | 9.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,032 | D | 330 | 9.8 | D | 569 | 15.8 |
| Metallic ores | 12,641 | D | 4,366 | 25.7 | D | 6,828 | 35.1 |
| Coal | 80,121 | D | 5,372 | 6.3 | D | 37,285 | 31.8 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,594 | D | 635 | 5.7 | D | 2,519 | 19.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,968 | D | 1,266 | 11.3 | D | 1,323 | 11.7 |
| Grain mill products | 8,461 | D | 411 | 4.6 | D | 1,173 | 12.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 8,299 | D | 991 | 10.7 | D | 2,872 | 25.7 |
| Primary forest products | 8,361 | D | 1,143 | 12.0 | D | 3,583 | 30.0 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 4,708 | D | 271 | 5.4 | D | 3,837 | 44.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,267 | D | 880 | 6.7 | D | 2,405 | 16.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 18,943 | D | 876 | 4.4 | D | 6,298 | 25.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,079 | I | 21 | 0.5 | D | 719 | 15.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,033 | D | 1,051 | 10.4 | D | 2,342 | 20.6 |
| Coke | 4,698 | D | 625 | 11.7 | D | 219 | 4.5 |
| Metals and products | 8,092 | I | 281 | 3.6 | D | 1,489 | 15.5 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 13,535 | D | 284 | 2.1 | D | 6,641 | 32.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 5,714 | D | 1,235 | 17.8 | D | 2,438 | 29.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 5,319 | D | 942 | 15.0 | D | 1,331 | 20.0 |
| All other carloads | 49,755 | D | 1,163 | 2.3 | D | 11,247 | 18.4 |
| LCL traffic | 139 | D | 42 | 23.2 | D | 26 | 15.8 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 300,588 | D | 23,219 | 7.2 | D | 97,472 | 24.5 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 323,807 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks) | 10,067,589 | 10,605,334 | D | 5.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 26 Weeks ended June 29 | 450.1 | 466.1 | D | 3.4 |
| Week ended July 6 | 14.2 | 15.0 | D | 5.3 |
| 27 weeks cumulative | 464.3 | 481.2 | D | 3.5 |

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WASHINGTON, July 18, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 13 (the second week of the annual coal miners' vacation) totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 9.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 480.2 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 13 totaled 338,801, down 12.2 percent from last year, but 12.7 percent higher than the preceding Independence Day holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 26.6 percent in the East, 9.5 percent in the South and 4.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 6 totaled 71,485 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,277,059 trailers and/or containers, down 3.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/13/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 13, 1985 | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 25,044 | D | 3,744 | 13.0 | I | 2,215 | 9.7 |
| Other farm products | 3,460 | D | 21 | 0.6 | I | 428 | 14.1 |
| Metallic ores | 13,503 | D | 5,113 | 27.5 | I | 862 | 6.8 |
| Coal | 86,261 | D | 26,715 | 23.6 | I | 6,140 | 7.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,038 | I | 333 | 2.6 | I | 2,444 | 23.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,101 | D | 2,170 | 16.4 | I | 1,133 | 11.4 |
| Grain mill products | 9,526 | D | 247 | 2.5 | I | 1,065 | 12.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,549 | D | 115 | 1.1 | I | 2,250 | 27.1 |
| Primary forest products | 11,280 | D | 2,172 | 16.1 | I | 2,919 | 34.9 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,520 | D | 196 | 2.9 | I | 1,812 | 38.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,968 | D | 1,007 | 7.2 | I | 701 | 5.7 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,274 | D | 797 | 3.5 | I | 3,331 | 17.6 |
| Petroleum products | 4,705 | D | 135 | 2.8 | I | 626 | 15.3 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,604 | D | 875 | 7.6 | I | 1,571 | 17.4 |
| Coke | 5,191 | D | 151 | 2.8 | I | 493 | 10.5 |
| Metals and products | 8,559 | D | 286 | 3.2 | I | 467 | 5.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 16,222 | I | 393 | 2.5 | I | 2,687 | 19.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,828 | D | 1,085 | 12.2 | I | 2,114 | 37.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 5,956 | D | 1,165 | 16.4 | I | 637 | 12.0 |
| All other carloads | 54,103 | D | 1,922 | 3.4 | I | 4,348 | 8.7 |
| LCL traffic | 109 | D | 54 | 33.1 | D | 30 | 21.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 338,801 | D | 47,244 | 12.2 | I | 38,213 | 12.7 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 386,043 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks) | 10,406,390 | 10,991,491 | D 5.3 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 Weeks ended July 6 | 464.3 | 481.2 | D 3.5 |
| Week ended July 13 | 15.9 | 17.5 | D 9.0 |
| 28 weeks cumulative | 480.2 | 498.7 | D 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, July 25, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 20 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 5.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 497.2 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 20 totaled 367,786, down 8.4 percent from last year, but 8.6 percent higher than the preceding week, which was the second week of the annual coal miners' vacation. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.2 percent in the East, 6.7 percent in the South and 5.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 13 totaled 82,590 trailers and/or containers, 2.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 2,359,649 trailers and/or containers, down 3.1 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/20/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 20, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 21,405 | D | 6,764 | 24.0 | D | 3,639 | 14.5 |
| Other farm products | 2,971 | D | 539 | 15.4 | D | 489 | 14.1 |
| Metallic ores | 14,123 | D | 3,968 | 21.9 | I | 620 | 4.6 |
| Coal | 107,267 | D | 18,494 | 14.7 | I | 21,006 | 24.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,450 | I | 705 | 5.5 | I | 412 | 3.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,681 | I | 855 | 7.2 | I | 1,580 | 14.2 |
| Grain mill products | 9,644 | D | 60 | 0.6 | I | 118 | 1.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,116 | I | 268 | 2.5 | I | 567 | 5.4 |
| Primary forest products | 10,927 | D | 2,531 | 18.8 | D | 353 | 3.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,152 | I | 178 | 2.6 | I | 632 | 9.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,911 | D | 1,508 | 10.5 | D | 57 | 0.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 21,671 | D | 1,614 | 6.9 | D | 603 | 2.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,851 | I | 60 | 1.3 | I | 146 | 3.1 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,410 | D | 746 | 6.7 | D | 194 | 1.8 |
| Coke | 4,357 | D | 759 | 14.8 | D | 834 | 16.1 |
| Metals and products | 9,251 | I | 239 | 2.7 | I | 692 | 8.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,305 | I | 1,014 | 5.5 | I | 3,083 | 19.0 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,460 | D | 468 | 5.2 | I | 632 | 8.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,541 | D | 502 | 7.1 | I | 585 | 9.8 |
| All other carloads | 59,107 | I | 1,014 | 1.7 | I | 5,004 | 9.2 |
| LCL traffic | 186 | I | 54 | 40.9 | I | 77 | 70.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 367,786 | D | 33,566 | 8.4 | I | 28,985 | 8.6 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 401,352 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks) | 10,773,960 | 11,392,731 | D 5.4 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 28 Weeks ended July 13 | 480.2 | 498.7 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended July 20 | 17.0 | 18.0 | D 5.7 |
| 29 weeks cumulative | 497.2 | 516.7 | D 3.8 |

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WASHINGTON, August 1, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 27 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 2.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 514.7 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 27 totaled 380,457, down 6.5 percent from last year, but 3.4 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 8.1 percent in the East, 11.1 percent in the South and 2.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,823 cars (10.3 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 5,561 cars (28.3 percent) and grain loadings were off 4,334 cars (17.3 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 20 totaled 86,543 trailers and/or containers, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 2,446,192 trailers and/or containers, down 3.1 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/27/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 27, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,770 | D | 4,334 | 17.3 | D | 635 | 3.0 |
| Other farm products | 3,091 | I | 142 | 4.8 | I | 120 | 4.0 |
| Metallic ores | 14,069 | D | 5,561 | 28.3 | D | 54 | 0.4 |
| Coal | 119,918 | D | 9,687 | 7.5 | I | 12,651 | 11.8 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,153 | I | 143 | 1.1 | D | 297 | 2.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,577 | D | 309 | 2.4 | D | 104 | 0.8 |
| Grain mill products | 9,933 | I | 127 | 1.3 | I | 289 | 3.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,772 | I | 129 | 1.2 | D | 344 | 3.1 |
| Primary forest products | 10,956 | D | 3,138 | 22.3 | I | 29 | 0.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,178 | D | 73 | 1.0 | I | 26 | 0.4 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,148 | D | 1,514 | 10.3 | I | 237 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,056 | D | 1,708 | 7.2 | I | 385 | 1.8 |
| Petroleum products | 4,729 | D | 130 | 2.7 | D | 122 | 2.5 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,425 | D | 738 | 6.6 | I | 15 | 0.1 |
| Coke | 4,640 | D | 110 | 2.3 | I | 283 | 6.5 |
| Metals and products | 8,957 | D | 436 | 4.6 | D | 294 | 3.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,570 | I | 1,823 | 10.3 | I | 265 | 1.4 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,006 | D | 869 | 9.8 | D | 454 | 5.4 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,681 | D | 813 | 10.8 | I | 140 | 2.1 |
| All other carloads | 59,647 | I | 619 | 1.0 | I | 540 | 0.9 |
| LCL traffic | 181 | I | 53 | 41.4 | D | 5 | 2.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 380,457 | D | 26,384 | 6.5 | I | 12,671 | 3.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 406,841 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks) | 11,154,417 | 11,799,572 | D 5.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 29 Weeks ended July 20 | 497.2 | 516.7 | D 3.8 |
| Week ended July 27 | 17.5 | 17.9 | D 2.6 |
| 30 weeks cumulative | 514.7 | 534.6 | D 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, August 8, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 3 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 532.2 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 3 totaled 380,332, down 6.3 percent from last year, and 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 6.1 percent in the East, 9.9 percent in the South and 3.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,233 cars (7.5 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 6,049 cars (31.7 percent) and grain loadings were off 6,139 cars (22.8 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 27 totaled 88,496 trailers and/or containers, 0.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 2,534,688 trailers and/or containers, down 3.0 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/03/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended August 3, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,782 | D | 6,139 | 22.8 | I | 12 | 0.1 |
| Other farm products | 2,818 | I | 262 | 10.3 | D | 273 | 8.8 |
| Metallic ores | 13,028 | D | 6,049 | 31.7 | D | 1,041 | 7.4 |
| Coal | 121,916 | D | 7,819 | 6.0 | I | 1,998 | 1.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,052 | I | 477 | 3.8 | D | 102 | 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,523 | D | 3,257 | 25.5 | D | 3,054 | 24.3 |
| Grain mill products | 10,207 | D | 191 | 1.8 | I | 273 | 2.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,335 | I | 375 | 3.4 | I | 562 | 5.2 |
| Primary forest products | 10,838 | D | 2,019 | 15.7 | D | 86 | 0.8 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,596 | I | 303 | 4.2 | I | 409 | 5.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,729 | D | 1,208 | 8.1 | I | 388 | 2.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,072 | D | 662 | 2.8 | I | 988 | 4.5 |
| Petroleum products | 4,735 | I | 128 | 2.8 | I | 1 | 0.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,618 | D | 621 | 5.5 | I | 194 | 1.9 |
| Coke | 4,827 | D | 350 | 6.8 | I | 187 | 4.0 |
| Metals and products | 9,060 | I | 57 | 0.6 | I | 103 | 1.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 17,568 | I | 1,233 | 7.5 | D | 2,002 | 10.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,272 | D | 388 | 4.5 | I | 256 | 3.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,955 | D | 1,050 | 13.1 | I | 274 | 4.1 |
| All other carloads | 60,239 | I | 1,433 | 2.4 | I | 571 | 1.0 |
| LCL traffic | 162 | I | 38 | 30.6 | D | 19 | 10.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 380,332 | D | 25,447 | 6.3 | D | 361 | 0.1 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 405,779 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks) | 11,534,985 | 12,205,351 | D 5.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 30 Weeks ended July 27 | 514.7 | 534.6 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended August 3 | 17.5 | 18.0 | D 2.8 |
| 31 weeks cumulative | 532.2 | 552.6 | D 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, August 15, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 10 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 2.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 549.6 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 10 totaled 377,306, down 6.3 percent from last year, and 0.8 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.0 percent in the East, 8.4 percent in the South and 4.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,247 cars (7.6 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 3,551 cars (20.4 percent) and grain loadings were off 6,758 cars (24.7 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 3 totaled 88,333 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 2,623,021 trailers and/or containers, down 2.9 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/10/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended August 10, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,592 | D | 6,758 | 24.7 | D | 190 | 0.9 |
| Other farm products | 2,659 | I | 107 | 4.2 | D | 159 | 5.6 |
| Metallic ores | 13,890 | D | 3,551 | 20.4 | I | 862 | 6.6 |
| Coal | 120,995 | D | 9,812 | 7.5 | D | 921 | 0.8 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,187 | I | 384 | 3.0 | I | 135 | 1.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,133 | D | 1,338 | 10.7 | I | 1,610 | 16.9 |
| Grain mill products | 10,047 | D | 202 | 2.0 | D | 159 | 1.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,847 | I | 356 | 3.4 | D | 489 | 4.3 |
| Primary forest products | 10,174 | D | 3,305 | 24.5 | D | 673 | 6.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,794 | D | 219 | 3.1 | D | 803 | 10.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,020 | D | 1,463 | 10.1 | D | 777 | 5.6 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,352 | D | 1,153 | 4.9 | D | 726 | 3.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,609 | D | 19 | 0.4 | D | 131 | 2.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,068 | I | 179 | 1.6 | I | 454 | 4.3 |
| Coke | 4,765 | D | 401 | 7.8 | D | 62 | 1.3 |
| Metals and products | 8,260 | I | 343 | 4.3 | D | 800 | 8.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 17,738 | I | 1,247 | 7.6 | I | 170 | 1.0 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,383 | D | 218 | 2.5 | I | 113 | 1.4 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,893 | D | 497 | 6.7 | D | 62 | 0.9 |
| All other carloads | 59,747 | I | 1,053 | 1.8 | D | 499 | 0.8 |
| LCL traffic | 153 | I | 32 | 26.4 | D | 9 | 5.6 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 377,306 | D | 25,235 | 6.3 | D | 3,116 | 0.8 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 402,541 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks) | 11,915,688 | 12,607,892 | D | 5.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 31 Weeks ended August 3 | 532.2 | 552.6 | D | 3.7 |
| Week ended August 10 | 17.4 | 17.9 | D | 2.9 |
| 32 weeks cumulative | 549.6 | 570.5 | D | 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, August 22, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 17 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 5.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 567.0 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 17 totaled 380,154, down 8.0 percent from last year, but 0.8 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 6.6 percent in the East, 10.2 percent in the South and 7.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Although coal loadings were down by 8,732 cars (6.6 percent), they reached the highest level since the week ended September 29, 1984. Also compared with the corresponding week of 1984, grain loadings were off by 11,736 cars (38.2 percent), while modest increases of 4.6 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, were recorded by loadings of motor vehicles and equipment and crushed stone, gravel and sand. Twelve of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 10 totaled 87,956 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 2,710,977 trailers and/or containers, down 2.8 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/17/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended August 17, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 19,019 | D | 11,736 | 38.2 | D | 1,573 | 7.6 |
| Other farm products | 2,372 | D | 195 | 7.6 | D | 287 | 10.8 |
| Metallic ores | 14,356 | D | 4,677 | 24.6 | I | 466 | 3.4 |
| Coal | 123,845 | D | 8,732 | 6.6 | I | 2,850 | 2.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,667 | I | 833 | 6.5 | I | 480 | 3.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,113 | D | 2,579 | 20.3 | D | 1,020 | 9.2 |
| Grain mill products | 10,488 | I | 184 | 1.8 | I | 440 | 4.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,185 | I | 181 | 1.6 | I | 339 | 3.1 |
| Primary forest products | 10,697 | D | 3,097 | 22.5 | I | 527 | 5.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,904 | D | 330 | 4.6 | I | 107 | 1.6 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,518 | D | 883 | 6.1 | I | 552 | 4.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,200 | D | 2,376 | 9.3 | I | 853 | 3.8 |
| Petroleum products | 4,618 | I | 74 | 1.6 | I | 8 | 0.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,904 | D | 381 | 3.4 | D | 164 | 1.5 |
| Coke | 4,617 | D | 497 | 9.7 | D | 148 | 3.1 |
| Metals and products | 7,991 | D | 251 | 3.0 | D | 269 | 3.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 17,842 | I | 789 | 4.6 | I | 104 | 0.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,561 | D | 221 | 2.5 | I | 164 | 2.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,878 | D | 489 | 6.6 | D | 15 | 0.2 |
| All other carloads | 59,227 | I | 1,101 | 1.9 | D | 501 | 0.8 |
| LCL traffic | 152 | I | 37 | 32.2 | D | 1 | 0.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 380,154 | D | 33,245 | 8.0 | I | 2,912 | 0.8 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 413,399 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks) | 12,295,778 | 13,021,291 | D 5.6 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 32 Weeks ended August 10 | 549.6 | 570.5 | D 3.7 |
| Week ended August 17 | 17.4 | 18.5 | D 5.7 |
| 33 weeks cumulative | 567.0 | 589.0 | D 3.7 |

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WASHINGTON, August 29, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 24 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 578.1 billion ton-miles, down 4.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 24 totaled 383,530, down 9.0 percent from last year, but 0.9 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.3 percent in the East, 9.3 percent in the South and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Among the sharpest declines were loadings of coal, down by 17,234 cars (12.8 percent) and grain, off by 11,058 cars (36.9 percent). On the positive side, motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up by 2,636 cars (14.4 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 17 totaled 87,195 trailers and/or containers, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 2,798,172 trailers and/or containers, down 2.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/24/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended August 24, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 18,871 | D | 11,058 | 36.9 | D | 148 | 0.8 |
| Other farm products | 2,547 | I | 192 | 8.2 | I | 175 | 7.4 |
| Metallic ores | 14,082 | D | 6,776 | 32.5 | D | 274 | 1.9 |
| Coal | 117,233 | D | 17,234 | 12.8 | D | 6,612 | 5.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,699 | I | 49 | 0.4 | I | 33 | 0.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,561 | D | 1,070 | 8.5 | I | 1,448 | 14.3 |
| Grain mill products | 10,367 | D | 38 | 0.4 | D | 121 | 1.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,150 | I | 167 | 1.5 | D | 34 | 0.3 |
| Primary forest products | 10,948 | D | 2,958 | 21.3 | I | 296 | 2.8 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,187 | D | 479 | 6.2 | I | 284 | 4.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,559 | D | 1,234 | 8.3 | I | 5 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,397 | D | 617 | 2.5 | I | 1,212 | 5.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,844 | D | 23 | 0.5 | I | 228 | 4.9 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,804 | D | 684 | 6.0 | D | 103 | 0.9 |
| Coke | 5,042 | I | 165 | 3.4 | I | 425 | 9.2 |
| Metals and products | 8,098 | I | 96 | 1.2 | I | 107 | 1.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,987 | I | 2,636 | 14.4 | I | 3,145 | 17.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,847 | D | 141 | 1.6 | I | 300 | 3.5 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,055 | D | 834 | 10.6 | I | 177 | 2.6 |
| All other carloads | 62,097 | I | 1,881 | 3.1 | I | 2,847 | 4.8 |
| LCL traffic | 155 | D | 24 | 13.4 | I | 3 | 2.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 383,530 | D | 37,984 | 9.0 | I | 3,393 | 0.9 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 421,514 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks) | 12,679,291 | 13,442,805 | D 5.7 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 33 Weeks ended August 17 | 560.9 (Rev.) | 589.0 | D 4.8 |
| Week ended August 24 | 17.2 | 18.8 | D 8.4 |
| 34 weeks cumulative | 578.1 | 607.8 | D 4.9 |

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WASHINGTON, September 5, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 31 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 9.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 595.4 billion ton-miles, down 5.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 31 totaled 391,358, down 8.5 percent from last year, but 2.0 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 8.2 percent in the East, 10.3 percent in the South and 7.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 16,559 cars (12.3 percent) and grain traffic showed a decline of 13,282 cars (38.7 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up by 3,241 cars (16.9 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 24 totaled 92,542 trailers and/or containers, 2.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 2,890,714 trailers and/or containers, down 2.6 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/31/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended August 31, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 21,001 | D | 13,282 | 38.7 | I | 2,130 | 11.3 |
| Other farm products | 2,522 | D | 119 | 4.5 | D | 25 | 1.0 |
| Metallic ores | 13,205 | D | 5,794 | 30.5 | D | 877 | 6.2 |
| Coal | 117,569 | D | 16,559 | 12.3 | I | 336 | 0.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,813 | I | 948 | 7.4 | I | 114 | 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,671 | D | 2,872 | 21.2 | D | 890 | 7.7 |
| Grain mill products | 10,703 | I | 299 | 2.9 | I | 336 | 3.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,416 | I | 157 | 1.4 | I | 266 | 2.4 |
| Primary forest products | 10,674 | D | 2,962 | 21.7 | D | 274 | 2.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,415 | D | 208 | 2.7 | I | 228 | 3.2 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,845 | D | 1,247 | 8.3 | I | 286 | 2.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,933 | D | 898 | 3.5 | I | 536 | 2.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,824 | I | 116 | 2.5 | D | 20 | 0.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,018 | D | 350 | 3.1 | I | 214 | 2.0 |
| Coke | 5,309 | I | 549 | 11.5 | I | 267 | 5.3 |
| Metals and products | 9,399 | I | 290 | 3.2 | I | 1,301 | 16.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,379 | I | 3,241 | 16.9 | I | 1,392 | 6.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,175 | I | 212 | 2.4 | I | 328 | 3.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,198 | D | 978 | 12.0 | I | 143 | 2.0 |
| All other carloads | 64,103 | I | 3,130 | 5.1 | I | 2,006 | 3.2 |
| LCL traffic | 186 | I | 42 | 29.2 | I | 31 | 20.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 391,358 | D | 36,285 | 8.5 | I | 7,828 | 2.0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 427,643 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks) | 13,069,806 | 13,870,448 | D 5.8 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 Weeks ended August 24 | 578.1 | 607.8 | D 4.9 |
| Week ended August 31 | 17.4 | 19.1 | D 9.0 |
| 35 weeks cumulative | 595.4 | 626.9 | D 5.0 |

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WASHINGTON, September 12, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 7 totaled an estimated 14.7 billion ton-miles, 10.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Labor Day Holdiay.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 610.1 billion ton-miles, down 5.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 7 totaled 330,715, down 9.6 percent from last year, and 15.5 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.9 percent in the East, 10.6 percent in the South and 10.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 12,098 cars (10.3 percent) and grain traffic showed a decline of 11,333 cars (41.9 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up by 2,147 cars (13.6 percent). All of the 21 commodity groups declined from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 31 totaled 97,925 trailers and/or containers, 5.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 2,988,639 trailers and/or containers, down 2.3 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/7/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended September 7, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 15,718 | D | 11,333 | 41.9 | D | 5,283 | 25.2 |
| Other farm products | 2,201 | D | 359 | 14.0 | D | 321 | 12.7 |
| Metallic ores | 9,711 | D | 6,364 | 39.6 | D | 3,494 | 26.5 |
| Coal | 105,334 | D | 12,098 | 10.3 | D | 12,235 | 10.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 11,595 | I | 466 | 4.2 | D | 2,218 | 16.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,040 | D | 2,243 | 18.3 | D | 631 | 5.9 |
| Grain mill products | 8,723 | D | 252 | 2.8 | D | 1,981 | 18.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 9,521 | I | 19 | 0.2 | D | 1,900 | 16.6 |
| Primary forest products | 8,965 | D | 2,663 | 22.9 | D | 1,770 | 16.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 5,436 | I | 11 | 0.2 | D | 1,984 | 26.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,445 | D | 1,156 | 8.5 | D | 1,499 | 10.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 21,449 | D | 1,706 | 7.4 | D | 3,505 | 14.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,227 | D | 153 | 3.5 | D | 596 | 12.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 9,605 | D | 756 | 7.3 | D | 1,410 | 12.8 |
| Coke | 4,542 | D | 91 | 2.0 | D | 767 | 14.4 |
| Metals and products | 7,368 | I | 462 | 6.7 | D | 2,031 | 21.6 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 17,877 | I | 2,147 | 13.6 | D | 4,502 | 20.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,063 | D | 265 | 3.6 | D | 2,111 | 23.0 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 5,833 | D | 612 | 9.5 | D | 1,365 | 19.0 |
| All other carloads | 52,948 | I | 1,697 | 3.3 | D | 11,172 | 17.4 |
| LCL traffic | 114 | D | 54 | 32.1 | D | 72 | 38.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 330,715 | D | 35,303 | 9.6 | D | 60,847 | 15.5 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 336,018 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks) | 13,402,673 | 14,236,466 | D 5.9 |

| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35 Weeks ended August 31 | 595.4 | 626.9 | D 5.0 |
| Week ended September 7 | 14.7 | 16.4 | D 10.5 |
| 36 weeks cumulative | 610.1 | 643.2 | D 5.2 |

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WASHINGTON, September 19, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 14 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 9.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 627.3 billion ton-miles, down 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 14 totaled 391,844, down 8.0 percent from last year, but 18.4 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.0 percent in the East, 6.4 percent in the South and 7.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 11,802 cars (8.8 percent) and grain traffic showed a decline of 11,690 cars (7.1 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended September 7 totaled 79,119 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 3,067,758 trailers and/or containers, down 2.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/14/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended September 14, 1985 | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 19,859 | D | 11,690 | 37.1 | I | 4,141 | 26.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,232 | I | 19 | 0.6 | I | 1,031 | 46.8 |
| Metallic ores | 12,625 | D | 4,960 | 28.2 | I | 2,914 | 30.0 |
| Coal | 122,121 | D | 11,802 | 8.8 | I | 16,787 | 15.9 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,695 | I | 53 | 0.4 | I | 2,100 | 18.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,055 | D | 1,656 | 12.1 | I | 2,015 | 20.1 |
| Grain mill products | 10,788 | I | 312 | 3.0 | I | 2,064 | 23.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,358 | I | 118 | 1.0 | I | 1,839 | 19.3 |
| Primary forest products | 11,059 | D | 3,155 | 22.2 | I | 2,072 | 23.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,984 | D | 59 | 0.8 | I | 1,547 | 28.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,479 | D | 1,648 | 10.9 | I | 835 | 6.6 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,393 | I | 228 | 0.9 | I | 3,941 | 18.4 |
| Petroleum products | 5,093 | I | 25 | 0.5 | I | 852 | 20.1 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,204 | D | 587 | 5.0 | I | 1,600 | 16.7 |
| Coke | 4,496 | D | 599 | 11.8 | D | 46 | 1.0 |
| Metals and products | 8,609 | I | 555 | 6.9 | I | 1,241 | 16.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,585 | I | 573 | 2.7 | I | 3,708 | 20.7 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,386 | D | 391 | 4.0 | I | 2,315 | 32.7 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,928 | D | 854 | 11.0 | I | 1,095 | 18.8 |
| All other carloads | 61,714 | I | 1,412 | 2.3 | I | 8,749 | 16.5 |
| LCL traffic | 181 | I | 17 | 10.4 | I | 67 | 58.8 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 391,844 | D | 34,089 | 8.0 | I | 60,867 | 18.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 425,933 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks) | 13,794,779 | 14,662,399 | D 5.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 36 Weeks ended September 7 | 610.1 | 643.2 | D 5.2 |
| Week ended September 14 | 17.2 | 19.0 | D 9.2 |
| 37 weeks cumulative | 627.3 | 662.2 | D 5.3 |

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WASHINGTON, September 26, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 21 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 9.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 644.7 billion ton-miles, down 5.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 21 totaled 392,931, down 8.3 percent from last year, but 0.4 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 8.8 percent in the East, 8.2 percent in the South and 8.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. The greatest declines were in loadings of coal, down by 15,791 cars (11.6 percent) and grain, down by 11,000 cars (36.3 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment posted a gain of 3,865 cars (22.1 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 14 totaled 94,664 trailers and/or containers, 1.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 3,162,422 trailers and/or containers, down 2.1 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/21/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended September 21, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 19,306 | D | 11,000 | 36.3 | D | 553 | 2.8 |
| Other farm products | 3,355 | D | 157 | 4.5 | I | 123 | 3.8 |
| Metallic ores | 13,525 | D | 6,778 | 33.4 | I | 900 | 7.1 |
| Coal | 120,741 | D | 15,791 | 11.6 | D | 1,380 | 1.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,968 | I | 662 | 5.0 | I | 274 | 2.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 13,268 | I | 765 | 6.1 | I | 1,213 | 10.1 |
| Grain mill products | 10,713 | D | 109 | 1.0 | D | 73 | 0.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,306 | D | 27 | 0.2 | D | 50 | 0.4 |
| Primary forest products | 11,204 | D | 3,169 | 22.4 | I | 121 | 1.1 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,246 | D | 223 | 3.0 | I | 274 | 3.9 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,289 | D | 1,660 | 11.1 | I | 240 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,433 | D | 1,537 | 5.9 | D | 933 | 3.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,991 | I | 64 | 1.3 | D | 94 | 1.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,245 | D | 969 | 7.9 | I | 41 | 0.4 |
| Coke | 4,604 | D | 75 | 1.6 | I | 108 | 2.4 |
| Metals and products | 8,426 | I | 132 | 1.6 | D | 183 | 2.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,341 | I | 3,865 | 22.1 | D | 244 | 1.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,195 | D | 475 | 4.9 | D | 178 | 1.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,075 | D | 313 | 4.2 | I | 147 | 2.1 |
| All other carloads | 63,529 | I | 1,141 | 1.8 | I | 1,852 | 3.0 |
| LCL traffic | 171 | I | 1 | 0.6 | D | 10 | 5.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 392,931 | D | 35,653 | 8.3 | I | 1,595 | 0.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 428,584 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks) | 14,187,202 | 15,090,983 | D 6.0 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 37 Weeks ended September 14 | 627.3 | 662.2 | D 5.3 |
| Week ended September 21 | 17.3 | 19.1 | D 9.5 |
| 38 weeks cumulative | 644.7 | 681.2 | D 5.4 |

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WASHINGTON, October 3, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 28 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 7.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 662.1 billion ton-miles, down 5.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 28 totaled 394,348, down 7.5 percent from last year, but 0.4 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.3 percent in the East, 7.2 percent in the South and 6.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. The greatest declines were in loadings of coal, down by 17,012 cars (12.6 percent) and grain, down by 7,512 cars (27.1 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment posted a gain of 3,111 cars (16.0 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 21 totaled 96,291 trailers and/or containers, 2.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 3,259,367 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/28/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended September 28, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 20,228 | D | 7,512 | 27.1 | I | 922 | 4.8 |
| Other farm products | 3,447 | I | 219 | 6.8 | I | 92 | 2.7 |
| Metallic ores | 12,655 | D | 5,697 | 31.0 | D | 870 | 6.4 |
| Coal | 118,309 | D | 17,012 | 12.6 | D | 2,432 | 2.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,654 | D | 101 | 0.7 | D | 314 | 2.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,140 | I | 590 | 5.1 | D | 1,128 | 8.5 |
| Grain mill products | 10,663 | I | 474 | 4.7 | D | 50 | 0.5 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,696 | I | 209 | 1.8 | I | 390 | 3.4 |
| Primary forest products | 10,998 | D | 3,175 | 22.4 | D | 206 | 1.8 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,610 | D | 187 | 2.4 | I | 364 | 5.0 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,003 | D | 1,632 | 10.4 | I | 714 | 5.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,921 | D | 10 | 0.0 | I | 488 | 2.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,850 | I | 260 | 5.7 | D | 141 | 2.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,978 | D | 679 | 5.8 | D | 267 | 2.4 |
| Coke | 4,314 | D | 928 | 17.7 | D | 290 | 6.3 |
| Metals and products | 8,833 | D | 614 | 6.5 | I | 407 | 4.8 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,601 | I | 3,111 | 16.0 | I | 1,260 | 5.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,251 | D | 274 | 2.9 | I | 56 | 0.6 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,902 | D | 802 | 10.4 | D | 173 | 2.4 |
| All other carloads | 66,141 | I | 1,963 | 3.1 | I | 2,612 | 4.1 |
| LCL traffic | 154 | D | 56 | 26.7 | D | 17 | 9.9 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 394,348 | D | 31,853 | 7.5 | I | 1,417 | 0.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 426,201 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks) | 14,581,269 | 15,517,184 | D | 6.0 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 38 Weeks ended September 21 | 644.7 | 681.2 | D | 5.4 |
| Week ended September 28 | 17.4 | 18.8 | D | 7.0 |
| 39 weeks cumulative | 662.1 | 700.1 | D | 5.4 |

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WASHINGTON, October 10, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 5 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 680.1 billion ton-miles, down 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 5 totaled 393,021, down 1.1 percent from last year, and 0.3 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.9 percent in the East, but down 2.3 percent in the South and 6.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with metallic ores (40.6 percent) and grain (22.1 percent) showing large declines. Coal loadings were up by 9,433 cars (8.7 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment registered a gain of 2,793 cars (13.8 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 28 totaled 95,849 trailers and/or containers, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 3,355,216 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/05/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended October 5, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 21,090 | D | 5,997 | 22.1 | I | 862 | 4.3 |
| Other farm products | 3,691 | D | 43 | 1.2 | I | 244 | 7.1 |
| Metallic ores | 10,745 | D | 7,349 | 40.6 | D | 1,910 | 15.1 |
| Coal | 117,952 | I | 9,433 | 8.7 | D | 357 | 0.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,601 | D | 251 | 1.8 | D | 53 | 0.4 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 12,764 | I | 512 | 4.2 | I | 624 | 5.1 |
| Grain mill products | 10,936 | I | 451 | 4.3 | I | 273 | 2.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,280 | I | 87 | 0.8 | D | 416 | 3.6 |
| Primary forest products | 10,596 | D | 3,350 | 24.0 | D | 402 | 3.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,863 | D | 143 | 2.0 | D | 747 | 9.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,096 | D | 1,010 | 6.7 | I | 93 | 0.7 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 24,909 | I | 543 | 2.2 | D | 12 | 0.0 |
| Petroleum products | 4,703 | D | 57 | 1.2 | D | 147 | 3.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,514 | D | 1,236 | 10.5 | D | 464 | 4.2 |
| Coke | 4,732 | D | 315 | 6.2 | I | 418 | 9.7 |
| Metals and products | 8,863 | I | 391 | 4.6 | I | 30 | 0.3 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 23,026 | I | 2,793 | 13.8 | I | 425 | 1.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,007 | I | 103 | 1.2 | D | 244 | 2.6 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,048 | D | 948 | 11.9 | I | 146 | 2.1 |
| All other carloads | 66,444 | I | 2,135 | 3.3 | I | 303 | 0.5 |
| LCL traffic | 161 | D | 36 | 18.3 | I | 7 | 4.5 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 393,021 | D | 4,287 | 1.1 | D | 1,327 | 0.3 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 397,308 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks) | 14,974,779 | 15,914,492 | D | 5.9 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 39 Weeks ended September 28 | 662.1 | 700.1 | D | 5.4 |
| Week ended October 5 | 18.0 | 18.2 | D | 1.3 |
| 40 weeks cumulative | 680.1 | 718.1 (rev.) | D | 5.3 |

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WASHINGTON, October 17, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 12 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 697.9 billion ton-miles, down 5.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 12 totaled 392,432, up 3.0 percent from last year, but 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 21.1 percent in the East, and 1.1 percent in the South, but down 5.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, but coal loadings were up by 22,832 cars (23.3 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment showed a gain of 2,411 cars (11.9 percent). Ten of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

### Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 5 totaled 96,498 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 3,451,714 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/12/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended October 12, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 22,883 | D | 1,101 | 4.6 | I | 1,793 | 8.5 |
| Other farm products | 3,957 | D | 418 | 9.6 | I | 266 | 7.2 |
| Metallic ores | 12,869 | D | 7,537 | 36.9 | I | 2,124 | 19.8 |
| Coal | 120,772 | I | 22,832 | 23.3 | I | 2,820 | 2.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 14,177 | I | 457 | 3.3 | I | 576 | 4.2 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,202 | D | 271 | 2.4 | D | 1,562 | 12.2 |
| Grain mill products | 10,392 | D | 39 | 0.4 | D | 544 | 5.0 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,936 | D | 193 | 1.7 | D | 344 | 3.0 |
| Primary forest products | 10,980 | D | 1,956 | 15.1 | I | 384 | 3.6 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,496 | D | 530 | 7.5 | D | 367 | 5.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,390 | D | 1,154 | 7.9 | D | 706 | 5.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,203 | D | 1,258 | 5.1 | D | 1,706 | 6.8 |
| Petroleum products | 4,757 | D | 117 | 2.4 | I | 54 | 1.1 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,810 | D | 612 | 5.4 | I | 296 | 2.8 |
| Coke | 4,411 | D | 935 | 17.5 | D | 321 | 6.8 |
| Metals and products | 7,566 | D | 392 | 4.9 | D | 1,297 | 14.6 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 22,668 | I | 2,411 | 11.9 | D | 358 | 1.6 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,168 | D | 40 | 0.4 | I | 161 | 1.8 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,816 | D | 1,116 | 14.1 | D | 232 | 3.3 |
| All other carloads | 64,781 | I | 3,536 | 5.8 | D | 1,663 | 2.5 |
| LCL traffic | 198 | I | 19 | 10.6 | I | 37 | 23.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 392,432 | I | 11,586 | 3.0 | D | 589 | 0.1 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 380,846 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks) | 15,367,211 | 16,295,338 | D | 5.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 40 Weeks ended October 5 | 680.1 | 718.1 | D | 5.3 |
| Week ended October 12 | 17.8 | 17.5 | I | 1.6 |
| 41 weeks cumulative | 697.9 | 735.6 | D | 5.1 |

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WASHINGTON, October 24, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 19 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 715.9 billion ton-miles, down 4.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 19 totaled 392,263, up 6.0 percent from last year, and virtually the same as the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 22.1 percent in the East, and 1.3 percent in the West, but down 1.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, but coal loadings were up by 21,703 cars (22.9 percent) and grain showed a gain of 2,103 cars (9.2 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 12 totaled 94,388 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 3,546,102 trailers and/or containers, down 1.8 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/19/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended October 19, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 24,922 | I | 2,103 | 9.2 | I | 2,041 | 8.9 |
| Other farm products | 4,184 | D | 580 | 12.2 | I | 227 | 5.7 |
| Metallic ores | 14,045 | I | 368 | 2.7 | I | 1,176 | 9.1 |
| Coal | 116,282 | I | 21,703 | 22.9 | D | 4,490 | 3.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,896 | D | 76 | 0.5 | D | 280 | 2.0 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,774 | I | 664 | 6.0 | I | 572 | 5.1 |
| Grain mill products | 10,919 | I | 375 | 3.6 | I | 528 | 5.1 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,354 | I | 178 | 1.6 | I | 417 | 3.8 |
| Primary forest products | 11,298 | D | 1,836 | 14.0 | I | 349 | 3.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,902 | D | 322 | 4.5 | I | 417 | 6.4 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,339 | D | 1,103 | 7.6 | D | 124 | 0.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,814 | D | 300 | 1.2 | I | 643 | 2.8 |
| Petroleum products | 4,697 | I | 68 | 1.5 | D | 66 | 1.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,698 | D | 423 | 3.8 | D | 112 | 1.0 |
| Coke | 4,759 | D | 145 | 3.0 | I | 348 | 7.9 |
| Metals and products | 7,594 | D | 404 | 5.1 | I | 28 | 0.4 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,740 | I | 1,600 | 7.9 | D | 928 | 4.1 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,774 | D | 708 | 7.5 | D | 397 | 4.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,476 | D | 1,246 | 16.1 | D | 340 | 5.0 |
| All other carloads | 64,633 | I | 2,200 | 3.5 | D | 151 | 0.2 |
| LCL traffic | 163 | D | 76 | 31.8 | D | 35 | 17.7 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 392,263 | I | 22,040 | 6.0 | D | 177 | 0.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 370,223 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks) | 15,759,482 | 16,665,561 | D 5.4 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 Weeks ended October 12 | 697.9 | 735.6 | D 5.1 |
| Week ended October 19 | 18.0 | 17.2 | I 4.9 |
| 42 weeks cumulative | 715.9 | 752.8 | D 4.9 |

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WASHINGTON, October 31, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 26 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 733.9 billion ton-miles, down 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 26 totaled 390,788, up 5.3 percent from last year, but 0.4 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 21.4 percent in the East and 0.7 percent in the West, but down 2.4 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up by 18,409 cars (19.4 percent) and grain showed a gain of 2,455 cars (10.2 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 19 totaled 91,703 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 3,637,805 trailers and/or containers, down 1.8 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/26/85:

| | Loadings in Week ended October 26, 1985 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1984 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 26,494 | I | 2,455 | 10.2 | I | 1,572 | 6.3 |
| Other farm products | 4,204 | D | 541 | 11.4 | I | 20 | 0.5 |
| Metallic ores | 16,873 | I | 3,477 | 26.0 | I | 2,828 | 20.1 |
| Coal | 113,533 | I | 18,409 | 19.4 | D | 2,749 | 2.4 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,443 | D | 156 | 1.1 | D | 453 | 3.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,842 | D | 2,370 | 19.4 | D | 1,932 | 16.4 |
| Grain mill products | 10,961 | I | 379 | 3.6 | I | 42 | 0.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,583 | I | 300 | 2.7 | I | 229 | 2.0 |
| Primary forest products | 11,208 | D | 2,041 | 15.4 | D | 90 | 0.8 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,003 | D | 164 | 2.3 | I | 101 | 1.5 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,397 | D | 1,637 | 10.9 | I | 58 | 0.4 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,416 | D | 33 | 0.1 | D | 398 | 1.7 |
| Petroleum products | 4,521 | D | 23 | 0.5 | D | 176 | 3.7 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,277 | D | 598 | 5.5 | D | 421 | 3.9 |
| Coke | 4,743 | D | 220 | 4.4 | D | 16 | 0.3 |
| Metals and products | 7,715 | D | 188 | 2.4 | I | 121 | 1.6 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,131 | I | 1,490 | 7.6 | D | 609 | 2.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,586 | D | 319 | 3.6 | D | 188 | 2.1 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 6,898 | D | 1,062 | 13.3 | I | 422 | 6.5 |
| All other carloads | 64,780 | I | 2,364 | 3.8 | I | 147 | 0.2 |
| LCL traffic | 180 | D | 15 | 7.7 | I | 17 | 10.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 390,788 | I | 19,507 | 5.3 | D | 1,475 | 0.4 |
| Corresponding week of 1984 | 371,281 | | | | | | |

| | 1985 | 1984 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks) | 16,150,270 | 17,036,842 | D 5.2 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 42 Weeks ended October 19 | 715.9 | 752.8 | D 4.9 |
| Week ended October 26 | 17.9 | 17.4 | I 3.2 |
| 43 weeks cumulative | 733.9 | 770.2 | D 4.7 |